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Raises, Development Among Top Local Stories In 2024

2024 The Year In Review

By SCOTT JACKSON

Raises for Quincy's mayor and city councillors – which were approved in spring and then deferred in the fall – topped the headlines here over the past 12 months. Meanwhile, the effort to revitalize Quincy Center continued.

City councillors in April received a report from an outside consultant recommending the mayor's salary be raised from \$150,943 to between \$298,957 and \$370,000. Koch in May asked for, and councillors would later approve, a raise to \$285,000. Councillors also voted to increase their salaries from \$29,800 each to \$44,500, \$3,000 less than what Koch had originally proposed. Following public outcry, and with the state ethics commission looking into them, those raises were ultimately deferred.

The Planning Board in early 2024 gave approval to a pair of projects set to take place in the area of the former Parkingway. The first includes a 110,000-square-foot medical office building that will be leased by Beth Israel Lahey Health and the second a mixed-use project with 300 apartments and a specialty grocer. This fall, the board also signed off on a project with 256 residential units and 54,000 square feet of retail and office space on Granite Street. In addition, city councillors in the spring approved borrowing \$157 million for new improvements in the downtown, including funds

to construct two new parking garages.

This past year also saw the opening of the new Dr. Rick DeCristofaro Learning Center; the advancement of the proposal to build a new Squantum Elementary School; the dedication of the Navy Park at Squantum, including a Lone Sailor statue; the dedication of a new monument honoring veterans of recent conflicts; the announcement that Eastern Nazarene College would be closing its doors; and the local passage of a home rule petition enabling the city to enter into a 50-year lease extension with the operator of Granite Links.

This past year the community also mourned the passing of three iconic figures: former district attorney George G. Burke, former Cong. William D. Delahunt, and former MA attorney general and lieutenant governor Francis X. Bellotti.

Here is a month-by-month look back at the people and events that made 2024 a year to remember.

JANUARY

George Bouchard had extra cause to celebrate in the new year after winning the top prize in a raffle organized by the state lottery. The commander of Quincy's American Legion Morrisette Post, Bouchard won the \$1 million top prize in the Mass. Millionaire Holiday Raffle, which was drawn shortly after midnight on Jan. 1. Bouchard said he purchased two \$10



MAYOR THOMAS KOCH (right) was sworn in to his seventh term at inauguration ceremonies Jan. 8th in the Great Hall, James R. McIntyre Government Center (old City Hall). Administering the oath of office is Brian Palmucci, Associate Justice, Trial Court of Massachusetts and former Ward 4 councillor. Abigail Koch, the mayor's daughter, holds a family Bible as the mayor is sworn in.

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

raffle tickets at the Post, and was able to turn that into \$1 million, before taxes.

"I'm very happy with it," Bouchard said. "It's a nice nest egg that can sit in my bank account and when things come up, I don't have to worry about them."

As he began a new term and his 17th year in office, Mayor Thomas Koch focused on Quincy's upcoming 400th anniversary in 2025, touting plans to break ground on a new performing arts center, build a new home for the Massachusetts Tribe at Squaw Rock and plant heritage trees across the city.

"This morning I want to specifically focus on Quincy 400 and its importance for our community. It's a going to be time of celebration, with parades, galas, fireworks, events – you know

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NEARLY 100 very brave souls took the plunge at the 9th annual Houghs Neck Polar Plunge at the Quincy Yacht Club/Public Landing Jan. 20th. Plungers shown here heading for dry land after enjoying the plunge are (from left to right) Seamus Sollinger, Isabella Grundig, Chris McPartlin, Olivia Campbell and Madison Markarian. The event raised \$4,800 for the Atherton Hough Elementary School.

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*Happy New Year
and
God Bless all.*

Dave and Rosanne McCarthy
Quincy Ward 1 Councillor

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

*State Senator John Keenan
and Family*

Happy Holidays!

**City Council President
Ian Cain**

Koch Begins 7th Term; Cain Council President

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we don't do things small around here. But it is so much more than that," Koch said.

"We need to honor those who came before us and understand their struggles and hardships, but also recognize that they had hopes and dreams, the same hopes and dreams that contributed to the creation of this great republic, the United States of America."

As for the performing arts center, which the mayor said he hoped to break ground on in 2025, he said it would be "built for between 1,000 and 1,200 people and be versatile in its design to accommodate a number of types of performances and events – whether it's a concert, a comedy show, or a film festival."

"With all of the progress we've made in the downtown, it is time for this kind of cultural jewel to be built," Koch said.

That same morning, Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain was chosen by his colleagues to serve as president of the City Council.

"In this special place we call home, we each have a role to play, to cherish its history, connect to its future, to ensure tomorrow a brighter day," Cain said following his election. "Speaking of which, a preview of the next two City Council years. A strong cohesive group, each member elected by their peers. We shall continue to

do the business on behalf of the good people of the city. All the while I promise you, keeping a keen eye on the kitty."

Two days later, Tina Cahill was elected by her colleagues to serve as the vice chairperson of the School Committee.

"I'm grateful to be part of the Quincy Public Schools team," Cahill said. "I really am grateful. It's an honor and it's a privilege. I look forward to graduation day when we see the fruits of our collective labor; the labor of our students, our teachers and our staff, and our administrators come to fruition on that day. It's an exceptional day to see kids that really have taken advantage of what our school system has to offer."

The Planning Board signed off the proposal of FoxRock Properties to construct a 110,000-square-foot medical office building in the vicinity of the Ross Lot in Quincy Center along with a 515-car garage and a pair of retail spaces.

The board also approved the developer's request to exempt the medical office building from property taxes for 40 years. In its application, FoxRock said construction of the medical office building would not be possible without the tax exemption and that the tenant for the facility, Beth Israel Lahey Health, is a

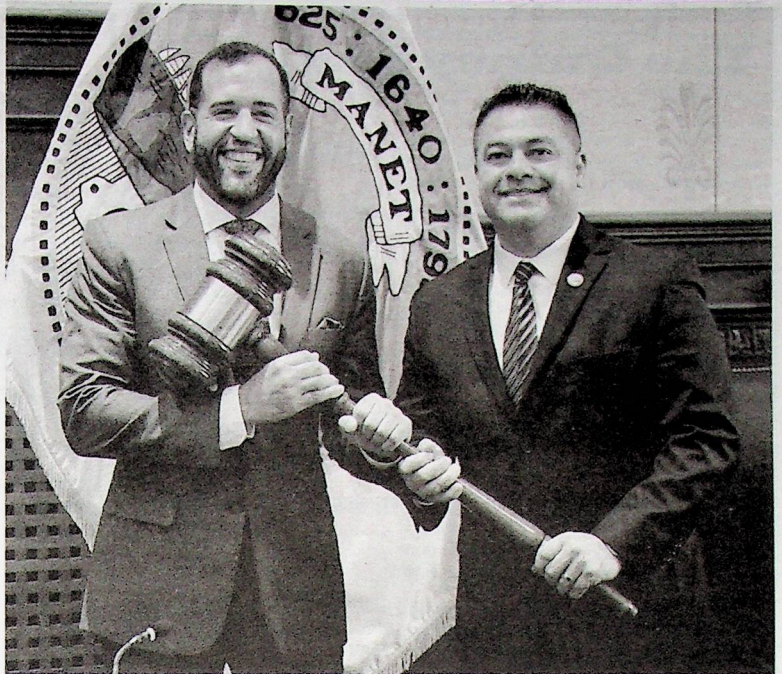
non-profit entity that would be exempt from real estate taxes if it owned the building. In an interview, Koch defended the exemption for the developer.

"I have heard for years now people still bemoaning the closure of Quincy Hospital. I have heard people say to me the lack of medical services in Quincy is a challenge. So, in essence we are delivering medical services to the people of Quincy who want it," Koch said.

During that same Planning Board meeting, neighbors expressed concerns about a proposed four-story, mixed-use building at the corner of Independence Avenue and Franklin Street. Among those who spoke was Richard Sweeney Jr. of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, who said he was concerned about

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2024 The Year In Review



THE CITY COUNCIL elected a new council president in January. Here outgoing president Councillor At-Large Noel DiBona (right) passes an oversized ceremonial gavel to new president Ward 3 Councillor Ian Cain.

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Early Deadline For Jan. 2 Edition

Because of the New Year's Day holiday, there is an early news and advertising deadline for the Jan. 2nd issues of The Quincy Sun.

News and advertising for the Jan. 2nd edition should be submitted by Thursday, Dec. 26th at noon.

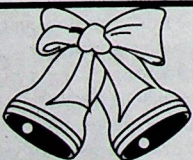
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Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Jan. 6, 1975, "Wheel of Fortune," one of American television's longest-running syndicated game shows, debuted on NBC. Created by Merv Griffin, it was hosted for decades by Pat Sajak and Vanna White, the latter of whom often contributed her own puzzles and was noted as apparently never wearing the same gown twice in more than 6,000 episodes.

• On Jan. 7, 1785, Frenchman Jean-Pierre Blanchard and American John Jeffries flew from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in a gas balloon, becoming the first people to cross the English Channel by air, though they almost crashed into it along the way due to excess weight from objects that had to be jettisoned.

• On Jan. 8, 2002, President George W. Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act into law, which created new standards and goals for America's public schools and applied tough corrective measures for failure to meet them. Nowadays, however, it is largely regarded as a failed experiment.

• On Jan. 9, 1887, nearly an inch of snow fell every hour for 16 hours on the western American plains, impeding the ability of already starving cattle that "staggered through village streets and collapsed and died in dooryards" to find food. Millions of the animals were lost, sending hundreds of ranchers into bankruptcy and ending the era of the open range.

• On Jan. 10, 2008, Tata Motors introduced the small, bubble-shaped Nano, billing it as the world's cheapest car with an anticipated price of about \$2,500, thanks to its lack of amenities including radio, airbags, air conditioning, even a second windshield wiper.

• On Jan. 11, 2010, Miep Gies, the last survivor of the small group that helped hide Anne Frank, her family and four others from the Nazis during World War II, died in the Netherlands at age 100.

• On Jan. 12, 1995, Malcolm X's daughter Qubilah Shabazz was arrested for conspiring to kill Louis Farrakhan, who she believed was responsible for her father's assassination. After she admitted her "responsibility," though not guilt, the government accepted a plea bargain.

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The Garden Bug
Christmas rose

Helleborus niger is a member of the Ranunculaceae plant family and closely related to the Lenten rose. It is a herbaceous perennial plant with leathery, evergreen foliage. In mild winter regions, it may indeed flower by Christmas. It will self-sow in areas advantageous to its growth, and the seedlings can be moved to new locations while still small; but mature Christmas roses resent being disturbed, so avoid moving or dividing mature plants if at all possible. — Brenda Wanner

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FINANCIAL FOCUS: Consider These Year-End Financial Moves

During the holiday season, your life may well become busier. Still, you might want to take the time to consider some financial moves before we turn the calendar to 2025.

Here are a few suggestions:

• **Review your investment portfolio.** As you look at your portfolio, ask these questions: Has its performance met my expectations this year? Does it still reflect my goals, risk tolerance and time horizon? Do I need to rebalance? You might find that working with a financial professional can help you answer these and other questions you may have about your investments.

• **Add to your 401(k) and HSA.** If you can afford it, and your employer allows it, consider putting more money into your 401(k) before the year ends — including "catch-up" contributions if you're 50 or older. You might also want to add to your health savings account (HSA) by the tax-filing deadline in April.

• **Use your FSA dollars.**

Unlike an HSA, a flexible spending account (FSA) works on a "use-it-or-lose-it" basis, meaning you lose any unspent funds at the end of the year. So, if you still have funds left in your account, try to use them up in 2024. (Employers may grant a 2½ month extension, so check with your human resources area to see if this is the case where you work.)

• **Contribute to a 529 plan.** If you haven't opened a 529 education savings plan for your children, think about doing so this year. With a 529 plan, your earnings can grow tax deferred, and your withdrawals are federally tax free when used for qualified education expenses — tuition, fees, books and so on. And if you invest in your own state's 529 plan, you might be able to deduct your contributions from your state income tax or receive a state tax credit.

• **Build your emergency fund.** It's generally a good idea to keep up to six months' worth of living expenses in an emergency fund, with the money held

in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund in place, you might be forced to dip into your retirement funds to pay for short-term needs, such as a major car or home repair.

• **Review your estate plans.** If you've experienced any changes in your family situation this year, such as marriage, remarriage or the birth of a child, you may want to update your estate-planning documents to reflect your new situation. It's also important to look at the beneficiary designations on your investment accounts, retirement plans, IRAs and insurance policies, as these designations can sometimes even supersede the instructions you've left in your will. And if you haven't started estate planning, there's no time like the present.

• **Take your RMDs.** If you're 73 or older, you will likely need to take withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA. If you



MARIE O'RIORDAN KELLY

don't take these withdrawals each year, you could be subject to penalties.

These aren't the only moves you can make, but they may prove helpful not only for 2024 but in the years to come.

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2 A.M. Closing Time On New Year's Eve

By SCOTT JACKSON

Revelers looking to ring in 2025 will get an extra hour to do so at Quincy's bars and restaurants.

The Board of License Commissioners on Dec. 17 unanimously approved a one-hour extension of the hours of operations for holders on-premises liquor licenses for New Year's Eve.

Closing time will be 2 a.m. that night, rather than 1 a.m. Last call will be at 1:30 a.m. that night and all patrons must leave the premises by 2:30 a.m.

In other business on Dec. 17, the board unanimously approved the renewal of the city's on- and off-premises liquor licenses. City Clerk Nicole Crispo said all the

establishments with those licenses would be renewing them for 2025 with the exception of La Paloma on Newport Avenue and Great Chow on Beale Street. Both

restaurants closed during this past year.

This was the final license board meeting of 2024. Its first meeting of 2025 will be held on Jan. 14.

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READERS FORUM SUBMISSION POLICY

Instructions For Submitting Letters To The Editor

The Quincy Sun policy for letters to its Readers Forum is as follows:

The letter writer must send an actual letter — either typed or hand-printed (no cursive, please) via the U.S. Mail to the Quincy Sun office.

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The Sun also does not publish anonymous letters.

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The letter should also be signed by the individual who wrote the letter.

The Quincy Sun welcomes the opinions of our readers in the form of letters to the editor, as long as the submissions are not in bad taste and refrain from personal attacks on individuals.

The Quincy Sun reserves the sole discretion to decide whether or not a reader submission will be published. If your letter is selected it will be run on a single occasion.

The Quincy Sun will not accept letters that are duplicated, reprinted, copied, or otherwise reproduced.

Letters should be original, typewritten or neatly handwritten. Letters should not exceed 400 words. Letters ex-

ceeding this length could be subject to editing and may not be published in their entirety.

The Quincy Sun does not as a general rule print form letters or letters which are also submitted to other newspapers. We are most interested in sincere personal views. If a writer cannot assure us that their submission is individual and personal, it may be rejected.

Letter writers may submit one letter to the editor once a month (no more than one in a four-week span). One letter per subject matter.

Letters that are accepted for publication will be printed when space permits.

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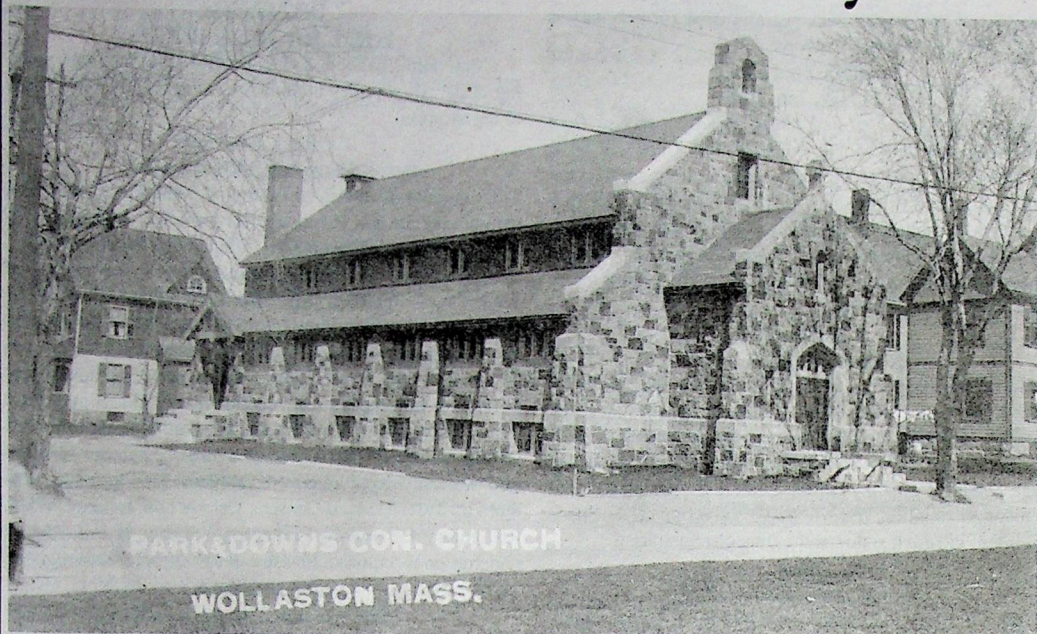
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The Quincy Sun reserves the right to end debate on a topic after both sides have had ample chance to express their views.

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Robert H. Bosworth
Publisher
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Scenes From Yesterday



THIS IS A 1920 real photo postcard view of the Park and Downs Union Congregational Church on the corner of Rawson Road and Hamilton Street in Wollaston. Like so many churches of that era it is made of Weymouth seam-face granite. The name "Park and Downs" was used to identify this neighborhood because it was where the Norfolk Downs and Wollaston Park residential real estate developments met. Before it was developed into

house lots in the 1890s, this land was part of the Quincy family colonial land grant and was used by them for farming for over 250 years. It was known as Massachusetts Fields as it was originally the planting grounds of the Massachusetts tribe of Indians. That name survives only on the old school building across the street from the church that is now condominiums.

From the Tom Galvin Postcard Collection

READERS FORUM - MORE ON PAGE 30

Koch Leader With Experience, Vision, Passion For City

I was born and raised in Connecticut; however, my wife and I decided to explore moving to the Boston area several years ago when our careers allowed us to make the transition. We researched and explored our options in and around Boston and eventually targeted Quincy for the revitalization efforts that we learned had occurred over the past decade under the leadership of city leaders, most notably Tom Koch.

After we settled into a quaint neighborhood in Wollaston, we learned that Mayor Koch had been at the helm of transforming Quincy for well over a decade and proven himself as a visionary leader committed to

balancing growth, preservation, and quality of life for the community.

One of Mayor Koch's initiatives that drew us to Quincy was the revitalizing of the city's downtown. Through strategic investment and public-private partnerships, the city center has been reimagined as a vibrant hub of business, restaurants, culture and history. This balanced approach reflects Mayor Koch's respect for Quincy's past and his drive for an even brighter future.

With a child in middle school, we appreciate Mayor Koch's leadership in prioritizing education. Mayor Koch has championed investments in state-of-the-

art school facilities and expanded programs to ensure every child has access to a world-class education. Our daughter found a welcoming environment with Quincy schools that has provided an education beyond our expectations.

With a background in law enforcement, I immediately recognized Mayor Koch's commitment and focus on public safety, investing in police, fire, and emergency services. The Quincy Police and Fire Departments are model departments that maintain the highest of standards due to the commitment of resources by Mayor Koch.

Additionally, Mayor Koch's unwavering com-

mitment to environmental sustainability is equally commendable. From expanding open spaces to prioritizing coastal resilience against climate change, he has ensured that the city's growth aligns with protecting its natural resources.

As Quincy continues to grow, we are very pleased with our choice to have moved here and know that Mayor Koch is a leader with experience, vision, and passion for the city and its people. His track record speaks volumes, and his leadership will be vital as Quincy continues to be recognized as an attractive place to live now and in the future.

Andrew Fournier
Quincy

Minton's Service To Community Is Impeccable

This is a thank you to Ward Five Councillor Dan Minton. His service to the community is impeccable.

Fenno House is a senior residence owned by the Wollaston Lutheran Church. The church is in the process of applying for permits to reconstruct its church building adjacent to Fenno House. Dan was instrumental in arranging a meeting between the church authorities and concerned neighbors.

Linden Street is opposite Fenno House where it intersects with Hancock Street. Because of the reconstruction of the street and sidewalk at Linden, half of the crosswalk at Linden Street was obliterated. Upon my contacting Dan, the crosswalk was restored. I did not

realize that the construction of Linden Street had not been completed. As a result, the entire crosswalk was covered over. Again, I contacted Dan and the cross-

walk was restored.

Dan has now come twice to Fenno House to make a presentation on the dangers of scamming elders.

We are so fortunate in

having Dan Minton as our representative.

Sincerely,

Peter Gleba
Quincy

Quincy's Yesterdays

This Week
1999
25 Years Ago

Sheets: Open Space, Affordable Housing New Year Challenges

Open space preservation, affordable housing and Wollaston Beach restoration are seen by Mayor James Sheets as the main challenges for the city as it moves into a new century.

These issues will be highlighted in his inaugural address Jan. 3 when he is sworn into an historic sixth term at 10 a.m. at North Quincy High School auditorium.

Sheets has been carrying out his mayoral duties at his Furnace Brook Parkway home since undergoing surgery for a detached retina Dec. 15. He will deliver the inaugural address in person.

Paul Harold will be elected City Council president at the inaugural ceremonies, succeeding Peter Kolson, and Jo-Ann Bragg will be elected vice chairwoman of the School Committee, replacing Linda Stice, who under rules cannot succeed herself. Both Harold and Bragg have sufficient votes already committed to assure their election.

Two new councillors and a new school committeeman will be sworn in. Gregory Hanley, 33, of Shed Street, is the new Ward 1 councillor, succeeding Kolson who lost a bid for councillor at-large in the November election.

Joseph Newton, 32, of Glover Avenue, will take over the Ward 6 seat vacated by Bruce Ayers to devote more time to his duties as state representative.

William Phelan, 41, of Monroe Road, will take his seat on the School Committee succeeding Sean Barry who did not seek re-election.

POLICE, FIRE DEPTS. READY FOR Y2K

As the year 2000 fast approaches, both the Quincy Police Department and Fire Department assure residents they are Y2K compliant.

Chief Thomas Gorman said of the QFD that he foresees no problems come Jan. 1, buoyed by both the city's thorough preparedness and the growing confidence he sees the city's banks and public utilities.

The department has, Gorman said, taken a few simple precautions canceling personal days and vacation days for its firefighters during Y2K and putting an extra deputy on duty. "And we're telling those that have beepers to stay by their beepers," Gorman said.

Although he expects no breakdown in the city's emergency telephone system, Gorman made note of the city's fire boxes, which run on their own battery power and are therefore immune to the Y2K bug.

Quincy Police Chief Thomas Frane said, in a press release:

"During this past year, the Data Processing Department and the city has worked with the Police Department to ensure that public safety in Quincy will not be affected by any Y2K problems. All emergency and non-emergency systems have been tested and certified that we are fully compliant.

"When the clock turns from 1999 to 2000, Emergency 911 and all other telephone systems will be in full operation. We ask you not to call just to test the system as New Year's Eve is always a very busy night in the Communications Center," Frane added.

QUINCYISMS

Melissa Lynn Craig of Quincy was among 50 people assisting the United Way of Massachusetts Bay with its annual fund-raising campaign by serving as a Loaned Employee.

Air Force Reserve Airman Christopher J. Moody, a 1997 graduate of North Quincy High School, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. . . The family drama "Anywhere But Here" starring Susan Sarandon and Natalie Portman was playing at the Wollaston Theater, Beale Street. All seats \$3.50 (Monday and Tuesday Dollar Night). . . First Night Quincy celebration on New Year's Eve Dec. 31 will feature more than 200 entertainers at 20 separate locations within walking distance in Quincy Center. Acts included Dixieland music, children's folk music, theater groups and a talent show. Also scheduled were a fireworks display, laser light show and an international food court. . . John W. Kennedy, son of the late Quincy School Committee member Christopher Kennedy, was honored as a local hero by the Boston Celtics. Kennedy, a resident of Scituate and physical therapist, helped save a man's life. After hearing gunshots in the street, he went down to the scene and grabbed from the assailant and proceeded to help the man who was shot. . . The City Council passed a handicap parking fine increase from \$50 to \$100. The funds will go directly to the Quincy Commission on Disabilities for capital improvement use and other programs geared to make the city more handicap accessible and create an awareness for the disabled. . . Dr. Stephen Tarry, M.D., was named medical director of the Intensive Care Unit at Quincy Medical Center.

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January Council On Aging Activities At Kennedy Center

By **MARIE FERENT**
Assistant Director
Quincy Elder Services

The Quincy Council on Aging announces the following events are scheduled during the month of January. The COA is located at the Kennedy Center, 440 East Squantum St., North Quincy.

All sign ups begin Thursday, Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.

Computer Classes Grace Buscher

Tuesday Classes 1 - 2:30 p.m. Individual Appointments Wednesday by appointment from 1-3:30 p.m. Individual Appointment times on Thursday by appointment 9 - 11:30 a.m. Please Call 617-376-1506 to register.

Tuesday, Jan. 7th - iPhone - This is a class directed to smartphones

Wednesday, Jan. 8th - Individual Appointments

Thursday, Jan. 9th - Individual Appointments

Tuesday, Jan. 14th - Password Management - How to determine your passwords and how to keep them safe.

Wednesday, Jan. 15th - Individual Appointments

Thursday, Jan. 16th - Individual Appointments

Tuesday, Jan. 21st - Email Basics - Learn how to use email, store emails, and use the application.

Wednesday, Jan. 22nd - Individual Appointments

Thursday, Jan. 23rd - Individual Appointments

Tuesday, Jan. 28th - Financial Management - What do you need to keep your financial house in order.

Wednesday, Jan. 29th - Individual Appointments

Thursday, Jan. 30th - Individual Appointments

Mindfulness and Successful New Year's Resolutions

Monday, Jan. 6th at 10 A.M.

Mindfulness and Successful New Year's Resolutions aims to educate and empower aging adults with practical and powerful tools that can enhance their overall health and well-being. Come and learn mindfulness skills that have been proven to enhance longevity, reduce stress, improve attention span, and reduce pain. Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Alliance Health Fall Prevention

Tuesday, Jan. 7th at 11 A.M.

Join Alliance Health for a presentation on how to prevent falls and learn tips to keep yourself safe and improve balance. Registration is required, please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Elvis

Wednesday, Jan. 8th at 1:30 P.M.

Robert Black is an Award-Winning Elvis Presley Tribute Artist performing nationwide. Robert Black's authentic portrayal and exciting interpretation of Elvis Presley, has made him one of the country's most sought after, and most popular tribute performers. Robert was a crowd favorite at his past Kennedy Center performances! Come join us for an afternoon of fun. Please call 617-376-1506 to reserve your spot.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Presentation

Wednesday, Jan. 8th at 10:30 A.M.

Medicare Supplement Plans or Medicare Advantage Plans? Which Coverage is Best for Me? This is the #1 question most people have when deciding on the coverage that is best for them. This presentation will discuss the differences between Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans, show real life case studies and provide resources to help in the decision process. This presentation is great for people new to Medicare and also for existing Medicare members that will have the option to make changes to their plan during the Annual Election Period from Oct. 15th through December 7th or during the Medicare Advantage open enrollment period from Jan. 1st through March 31st. Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Men's Discussion

Thursday, Jan. 9th at 10 A.M.

The men's discussion group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. The meeting for January is Jan. 9th at 10 a.m.

Women's Discussion

Thursday, Jan. 9th at 1:30 P.M.

The women's discussion group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The meeting for January is Jan. 9th at 1:30 p.m.

Book Club

Thursday, Jan. 9th at 1:30 P.M.

The book club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 9th at 1:30 p.m. The book for the January meeting will be "A Tale of

Two Cities" by Charles Dickens. The book for February is "Cat's Eye" by Margaret Atwood.

Mobile Foot Care

Friday, Jan. 10th

Donna Golden, Certified Nurse Practitioner and Foot Care Specialist with Mobile Medical Foot Care will be at the Kennedy Center to provide toenail cutting services on Friday, Jan. 10th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The cost is \$40 for a 20-minute appointment payable to Quincy Council on Aging on day of appointments. Please call 617-376-1506 to schedule an appointment. Must be a Kennedy Center member to make appointment.

Card Making

Friday, Jan. 10th at 2 P.M.

Carrie from My Friends Call Me Martha will be here to teach a greeting card-making workshop. No prior crafting experience is necessary, and you will learn to stamp the sentiment on each project and assemble the different pieces to make beautiful greeting cards! Class is \$5 per person and includes all supplies. You will make 3 greeting cards. Space is limited. Payment is due at the time of registration

Bingo

Monday, Jan. 13th at 1 P.M.

Join the Quincy Rotary Club/Friends of The Kennedy Center for an afternoon of Bingo and a chance to win prizes! Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Scattergories

**Monday, Jan. 13th at 11 A.M. and
Thursday, Jan. 23rd at 2 P.M.**

Come play the word game Scattergories! If you don't know how to play, it is quick to pick up and easy to learn. Have some fun exercising your brain and make some new friends. No registration required.

Acrylics Class

Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 1 P.M.

Join acrylics teacher Karen Kelley for an acrylics class and make a winter themed canvas painting. No painting experience required. All supplies are provided. Space is limited. \$20 includes all supplies. Payment is due at time of registration.

Current South Shore Lunch and Learn

Wednesday, Jan. 15th at 12 Noon

Please join us at The Kennedy Center on Wednesday, Jan. 15th at 12 noon for lunch with The Current South Shore. Enjoy exceptional food made by our own chef, Joshua, while learning about our community and all it has to offer. We'll play a game and raffle off a few prizes. We look forward to seeing you! Space is limited. Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to reserve your spot.

Monthly Bereavement Support Group

Thursday, Jan. 16th at 1 P.M.

All are welcome. This is a monthly group that provides a space for sharing and support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Michelle Lydon facilitates the group. Sponsored by Hamel-Lydon Chapel. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Benefits Specialist

Thursday, Jan. 16th and Thursday, Jan. 30th

Benefits Support Specialist Nadia Montrond from South Shore Elder Services will be at the Kennedy Center to assist members with the following services: SNAP application, Senior MassHealth Application or renewal, MassHealth questions/concerns and Community Home Care Services/Resources for seniors. Appointments are required. Appointments will be 30 minutes long. Please call 617-376-1506 to make an appointment.

Cross Cultural Performance

Friday, Jan. 17th at 1 P.M.

Seize the opportunity to experience a one-of-a-kind, cross-cultural performance! The singing and dancing troupe from the Guangzhou Association of Boston will perform for you traditional Chinese and Western songs, Tai Chi sword demonstrations, Sway Mambo Line Dance, Qi Pao dance and more. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Bracelet Making

Friday, Jan. 17th at 10 A.M.

Come join Ruthie and Elizabeth for a bracelet making class! Cost is \$3 for a bracelet and all materials will be provided. Registration is required and payment is due at time of registration.

Healthy Snacks and Happy Chats

Tuesday, Jan. 21st at 1 P.M.

Join us for healthy snacks and some good conversation. Space is limited. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Wednesday, Jan. 22nd at 1 P.M.

The Alzheimer's Support group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. For more information about the group, please call Marge Donaher at 617-376-1243.

Dot Mandala

Friday, Jan. 24th at 10 A.M.

Come join Elizabeth and Ruthie for a dot mandala painting class. All supplies included. Cost is \$3 payable at time of registration.

Rock Painting

Friday, Jan. 24th at 2 P.M.

Come join us in the Art room and paint a rock with your own unique design! Paint supplies provided. Registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Stress First Aid

Friday, Jan. 24th at 10 A.M.

Learn how Stress First Aid (SFA) can help you to manage your stress and support others experiencing stress in a new way. Attend this 1.5 hour training and learn how to improve recovery from stress reactions, both in self and those in your lives. The goal of SFA is to identify stress reactions to help reduce the likelihood that stress outcomes develop into more severe or long term problem. This training is offered by Tufts Medical Center's Debbie Lyn Toomey, MSN, RN, Injury Prevention Professional. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Stop the Bleed

Monday, Jan. 27th at 10 A.M.

Stop the Bleed encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. Attend this training and come away feeling better prepared in an emergency situation. This training is offered by Tufts Medical Center's Debbie Lyn Toomey, MSN, RN. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Quincy's Memory Café Hosted by Standish Village at the Kennedy Center

Monday, Jan. 27th at 12 Noon

Brought to you by Standish Village Assisted Living & Compass Memory Support, Quincy's Memory Café welcomes those living with memory loss or dementia and their care partners, family and friends. While Memory Café is open to anyone in the community, any guest who requires a personal care attendant must have a caregiver present. Please call 617-376-1243 to register for the café or with any questions.

The History of Howard Johnson's

28 Flavors of Ice Cream

Monday, Jan. 27th at 10:30 A.M.

Howard Johnson created an orange-roofed empire of ice cream stands and restaurants that stretched from Maine to Florida, and all the way to the West Coast. With a reputation for good food at affordable prices, hungry customers would regularly return for more. The attractive white Colonial Revival restaurants, with eye-catching porcelain tile roofs, illuminated cupolas and sea blue shutters, were described in "Reader's Digest" in 1949 as the epitome of "eating places that look like New England town meeting houses dressed up for Sunday." Highlighted in television shows such as Mad Men and films like Netflix's 2019 The Irishman, it's obvious that Howard Johnson's occupies an indelible and pleasant place popular culture. Boston historian and author Anthony M. Sammarco recounts how Howard Johnson introduced twenty-eight flavors of ice cream, the "Tendersweet" clam strips, grilled frankforts and a menu of delicious and traditional foods that families eagerly enjoyed when they traveled. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Come Celebrate Neil Diamond's Birthday

with a Neil Diamond Tribute!

Tuesday, Jan. 28th at 2 P.M.

The great Neil Diamond has been entertaining audiences all over the world for over 50 years with an endless collection of timeless hit songs, like Sweet Caroline, I Am...I Said, Song Sung Blue and Kentucky Woman, just to name a few. In Solitary Man: A Tribute to the Great Neil Diamond, Bill Reidy brings Neil's hit songs to life in this entertaining tribute. With his rich baritone voice, Bill takes on the stage persona of the original "Solitary Man" himself so that you'll almost think you are experiencing the great Neil Diamond performing live for your event! Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Singo

Friday, Jan. 31st at 1 P.M.

Singo is bingo where we replace the numbers with your favorite songs. Test your musical knowledge and luck. Have some fun and win some prizes! Sing, dance laugh, Singo is all about a good time. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 617-376-1506 to register.

Trivia

Friday, Jan. 31st at 11 A.M.

Come play trivia and test your knowledge! Have some fun with friends and a chance to win a prize! No registration is required.

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January Children's Events, Activities At Crane Library

By JULIE RINES
Children's Coordinator

Thomas Crane Public Library

The following events and activities for children are scheduled during the month of December at the Thomas Crane Public Library.

Kids Winter Reading Challenge

Join us for our winter reading challenge in January and February!

Participants aged 0-13, are invited to join our read-and-bead program, tracking every 15 minutes of reading with a bead of their choice, to create a brag tag full to celebrate their winter of reading. The more you read, the fancier beads you can earn and trade up to, building up to the coveted 12-hour winter charm!

Everyone will receive a special reading chart of winter characters to track their reading. If you're doing the reading or being read to, all reading counts! Stop by any library location beginning January 2nd to pick your tracker and bead necklace. Too little for beads? We have special sticker trackers for our youngest patrons.

How many can you collect by Feb. 28?

This program is for children from birth to age 13 and their families.

Tween Hangout - Friendship Bracelets Grades 4-7

In this special TWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA series for the month of January, Tweens (Grades 4-7) are invited to our first event, Friendship Bracelets and Taylor Swift.

Join us on Jan. 2nd at 7 p.m. to make friendship bracelets and listen to TS. "So make the friendship bracelets, take the moment and taste it..." Bring your friends, find some new ones.

Music and Movement with Miss Rubi ages 0-2

We invite our youngest patrons ages 0-2 to join Miss Rubi from 10:30 - 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4th for a Music and Movement program especially designed for them. This session will feature baby bounces, tickles, wiggles, finger plays and nursery rhymes with parent participation.

This program is especially for children ages 0-2 accompanied by an adult.

Due to overcrowding tickets are now required for this program. Free tickets will be available at the Children's desk beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the program.

Music and Movement with Miss Rubi ages 3-6

We invite Miss Rubi's fans ages 3-6 to join us on Saturday, Jan. 4th from 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. for a Music and Movement program full of large scale movements, rhythm clapping, finger plays and nursery rhymes including early literacy and music activities. Parent participation highly encouraged.

So put on your favorite dancing shoes and join us for this lively mix of music and movement. Please bring a stuffie along with you to join the fun.

This program is especially for children ages 3-6 accompanied by an adult.

Due to overcrowding tickets are now required for this program. Free tickets will be available at the Children's desk beginning at 10:45 a.m. on the day of the program.

Arabic Storytime @ Adams Shore ages 0-7

The Library is pleased to be working with dedicated community members to offer a monthly storytime in Arabic.

Join us on Monday, Jan. 6th at 6:15 p.m. at the Adams Shore library for this program which will be conducted primarily in Arabic with the intention of helping young Arabic language learners to improve their skills. This program is suitable for children up to age 7.

Art in the Evening Ages 2-5

Kids and their grownups are invited to join us for "Art in the Evening" at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7th in the Children's Room to make a 3D painting with puffy paint.

This program is for adults and children together. All grown-ups must be accompanied by a child.

Pumpkin Pollinators With The Museum of Science @ Adams Shore for grades 1-3

Children in grades 1-3 are invited to join the Museum of Science to explore how engineering can help us grow more food. There are many ways for plants to be pollinated: wind, birds, and insects are just a few.

In this four-week session we will learn about insect pollinators and their importance, and then engineer hand pollinators that move pollen from one pumpkin flower to another.

This program is for children in Grades 1-3. **Registration is required and is limited to Quincy residents.** This program will meet on the four Wednesdays in January, the 8th, 15th, 29th and Feb. 5th for 2 - 2:45 p.m. Please plan on attending all 4 sessions as what we learn and the activities we do will build on each other.

Register on our events calendar or by calling the Adams Shore Library at 617-376-1325.

Tween Hangout - Games Grades 4-7

Continuing our TWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA series for the month of January, we're having a game day! Kids in grades 4-7 are invited to join us for a Tween Hangout in the Blue Room on Wednesday, Jan. 8th at 7 p.m. Come play card games, board games and try out our new Nintendo Switch!

Toy Time for Ages 9 to 23 months

Come to the library for a free playtime session with your baby, ages 9-23 months full of age appropriate toys and activities plus socializing with other children and caregivers.

A fun time for all and a chance to practice large and small muscle development. This program will meet in the large meeting room from 10 - 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9th, Saturday, Jan. 18th and Thursday, Jan. 23rd. Join us once, twice or all three times for some fun indoor play!

This program is for children ages 9 - 23 months accompanied by an adult. Space is limited and the doors will be closed when the room is full.

Night Owls Book Club for Grades 3 and 4

We invite children in grades 3 and 4 to join us to discuss a chapter book or graphic novel on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We'll vote for upcoming titles at the end of each meeting.

On Thursday, Jan. 9th we'll get together discuss "Hotel Balzar" by Kate DeCamillo.

Copies of the book are available for pick up in the Children's Room.

STEAM Team Grades 1-3

Welcome all 1st-3rd graders to this awesome new STEAM program! We are excited to start this monthly project-based program that will get your children excited about STEAM! Through experiments, hands-on projects, and lots of technology we will have tons of fun learning!

Join us on Friday, Jan. 10th from 3-4 p.m. for STEAM Team where we will be making Addition Snow Globes.

This program is for children in Grades 1-3. **Registration is required and is limited to Quincy residents.** Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2nd.

Preschool Discovery - Building and Engineering for ages 3-5

Join us for Preschool Discovery a hands on parent and child science program that meets once a month at each library location. Activities, experiments and instructions will be provided for science you can do with your child.

In January we will be exploring **Building & Engineering** - Come build with us to explore simple engineering activities. Make block towers, send marbles down ramps, and try to make a bridge out of paper and cardboard.

The program will be at the North Quincy Library on Saturday, Jan. 11th from 10 - 11 a.m., the Adams Shore Library on Wednesday, Jan. 15th from 3 - 4 p.m., the Wollaston Library on Thursday, Jan. 23rd from 3 - 4 p.m. and in the Main Library Children's Room on Saturday, Jan. 25th from 10 - 11 a.m.

Puppy Pages @ Adams Shore Ages 6-8

On Monday, January 13th from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. meet Bailey the therapy dog at the Adams Shore Library and spend some time practicing your reading with him.

Young readers ages 6-8 are invited to spend 10 minutes reading aloud to Bailey.

Reading takes practice and reading aloud with a patient and non-judgmental canine friend is a great way for young readers to practice and become more confident.

Registration is not required. **10 minute timeslots with Bailey will be assigned on a first come first served basis.**

Bailey and his owner Stacy are volunteers trained by Dog B.O.N.E.S. therapy dogs of Massachusetts and First Responder Therapy Dogs.

Canvas Art Workshop for ages 8 - 13

Children ages 8 to 13 are invited to join us for a 2 session canvas art workshop on Monday, Jan. 13th and Wednesday, Jan. 15th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. as we learn to paint with acrylics on canvas.

Registration is required and is limited to Quincy residents ages 8-13. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2nd online at thomascranelibrary.org, by phone at 617-376-1300 ext. 4 or in person at the Main Library Children's Room. Please only sign up if you know you can make both sessions.

Dungeons and Dragons for ages 10-15

New and experienced players are invited to join us in person at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14th for this introduction to D&D 5th edition game play. Take on the role of a fantasy hero in this Dungeons & Dragons game. We will meet for an hour and a half to play this campaign. **Please note: There is no wait list for this program, but we will be running more campaigns in the coming months.**

Registration is required for this program. Register through our online calendar. This program is for ages 10-15.

This program will take place in the North Quincy Library Community meeting room. Character sheets will be provided.

EXPLORE @North Quincy for grades 4-6

EXPLORE (Experiment, Play, Learn, Observe, Read, Examine) is a series of monthly hands-on science workshops for children ages 8-12, covering a wide variety of topics.

Meeting at the North Quincy Branch Library on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3-4 p.m. each workshop has a short portion of instruction and then exploration and experimentation. Topics range from forensic science to bubbles and parents/caregivers are welcome to participate as well alongside their children.

Join us at the North Quincy Library on Wednesday, Jan. 15th at 3 p.m. for **Paper Airplanes**.

Simple paper airplanes are easy to fold and easy to fly, but what about more complex designs? Does bigger equal better? What about the material you use? Join us to learn about why paper airplanes fly and how we can alter them to make them do tricks like loops and curves. We'll try using different types of paper and adding different folds to the wings. Can you make the extra difficult patterns we'll have? Can you design your own?

Review Crew for grades 5-7

Do you like talking about books, movies, or video games? Want to display your favorites? The Review Crew for 5-7th graders will meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Main Library to present and discuss our thoughts on library materials, write reviews, and put together a display to share our favorites with the rest of the children's room!

We will meet on Thursday, Jan. 16th at 7 p.m. for best books of 2024. Continuing Tween Extravaganza, we will also be decorating sugar cookies!

LEGO Building @North Quincy for ages 5+

Stop by the North Quincy Library on Saturday, Jan. 18th from 2 - 4 p.m. for free-play LEGO building. Grab some LEGO bricks and build a boat, a spaceship, a double-decker couch - anything you want, then toss them back and try to make something else. LEGOs must be returned by the end of the program, sorry!

Parents please note regular LEGO are intended for children ages 5 and older, DUPLO and other building toys will be available for younger children.

Bedtime Book Club @North Quincy for Grades 1-3

First-third graders and their adult caregivers are invited to join us for this new monthly book discussion. Each month we will choose either a short book or a section of a longer book to read together before the meeting, then get together to discuss it, children and caregivers together. Caregivers should be willing to read the selections with children before each meeting and to stay and participate in the discussion.

We will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

For our Jan. 21st meeting, we are reading "Captain Pug" by Laura James. Pick up your copy in the North Quincy Library Children's Room starting Dec. 26.

Tween Hangout - Slime Grades 4-7

Registration Required

Continuing our TWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA series for the month of January, we are making SLIME! Kids in grades 4-7 are invited to join us for a Tween Hangout in the Blue Room on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd at 7 p.m.

Hangout with friends and make some slime. **Registration is required and is limited to Quincy residents.** Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2nd online at thomascranelibrary.org, by phone at 617-376-1300 ext. 4 or in person at the Main Library Children's Room.

Winter Program Series Schedules

Winter storytimes and Coding Club begin on Monday, Jan. 27th. Registration is required for Coding Club and Mother Goose Storytime.

Registration begins on Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 9 a.m. online at thomascranelibrary.org, by phone at 617-376-1300 ext. 4 or in person at the Main Library Children's Room.

Registration is limited to Quincy residents and children must be the correct age by the start of the program.

Monday Morning Stories @North Quincy for ages 2-5

Mondays 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24 and 3/3 at 10:00 am

Toddler Storytime for ages 2-3

Mondays 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24 and 3/3 at 10 a.m.

Mother Goose Storytime for ages 12-23 months

Tuesdays 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25 and 3/4 at 10 a.m. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Toddler Storytime @Adams Shore for ages 2-3

Tuesdays 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25 and 3/4 at 10 a.m.

ABC Storytime for ages 3-5

Wednesdays 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26 and 3/5 at 10 a.m.

Rock-a-bye Baby Storytime for ages 4-11 months

Thursdays 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27 and 3/6 at 9:30 a.m.

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January Programs At The Milton Public Library

By JEAN HLADY
Milton Public Library

The New Year starts off with a fun slate of programs geared to adults for the month of January at the Milton Public Library.

Our ongoing programs continue with the **MA Collaborative Online 50+ Job Seekers Group** to meet on Wednesday, Jan. 15th, starting at 9:30 a.m., via Zoom. (There will only be one meeting of this career networking program held this month, but starting in February, keep an eye out for two Wednesday morning meetings per month.). The topic to be discussed on Jan. 15th is "Self-Assessment" and the facilitator is Deborah Hope, who is an experienced job coach and recruiter. If you are unemployed and actively looking, underemployed, seeking a new position in the job market after a long gap, or recently retired and looking, this program is perfect for you! You do need to register for each meeting individually so please go to the MPL's website's program link to find out how to sign up in advance: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13624647>. There you will find a special URL from the collaborative where you may register to receive the Zoom link. Questions? Email jhlady@milton.ocln.org or call the Reference Dept. at (617) 898-4964. We hope you might join us!

The **Library Knitting Group** starts up again in January, having now switched to two Saturdays per month (instead of one Saturday and one Thursday). The dates for this fun, drop-in get together are Jan. 4 and Jan. 18, both at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room. This is a nice opportunity for people to meet new friends, bring a project to work on, and have others nearby for occasional advice. Knitters and other fiber artists over the age of 13 are invited to attend. Please note that this is not a class for beginners, but instead a chance to share current projects with others and learn tips and tricks. No registration is required for these drop-in sessions, but if you would like to get on the organizer's list to receive email reminders, send a message to jhlady@milton.ocln.org and she will make sure you are added. Program links to read more: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13567959> and <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13732995>.

The Honorable Judge Dennis Curran, who served as a Massachusetts trial judge for 15 years, will give a virtual talk called: **"The Boston Massacre Trials - Blood in the Snow."** This will be a Zoom presentation about the history and legal topics associated with the American Revolution and it will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 7 starting at 7 p.m. Denounced as an act of unprovoked violence and villainy, this event is one of the most familiar incidents in American history, yet one of the least understood. We will revisit this dramatic episode and the resulting trials, the competing narratives that molded public perceptions, and the unher-

alded courage of one lawyer and a future President - John Adams - tasked with the defense of the captain of British troops charged with murder. This year marks the start of the Boston 250 Project, a series that celebrates the American war for independence. If you love history, you will love this program! To register and receive the Zoom link go to: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13430367>.

Next, on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m., Naturalist and Photographer Bob Michelson will be back to give a virtual talk about **New England Bobcats**, as his animal series continues into 2025. These programs have proved very popular, and in this one-hour presentation, Mr. Michelson will follow Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection researchers as they study the expansion of the bobcat population throughout the state. This program will be enhanced by some wonderful photos, and you must sign up here in advance to attend and receive the Zoom link: Go to <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13430401>. We hope to see you online for an interesting and educational program!

The next meeting of the **Celebrity Book Club** with Sally Lawler and Sara Truog will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. in the MPL Keys Room, and the book to be read in advance is "Nightwatching" by Tracy Sierra. Sally and Sara will lead you in a fun, relaxed discussion of books recommended by popular celebrities and this title was enjoyed by Jimmy Fallon. Registration opens Thursday, Dec. 26 and to sign up, which is required, please go to:

<https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13489899>.

To reserve a copy of the book, either go to the Milton Public Library website (www.miltonlibrary.org) or call the Reference Dept. at (617) 898-4964.

The Milton Public Library is teaming with the Milton Council on Aging to bring a new virtual series to our offerings. It is called: **"The Unique Planning Needs of Solo Aged"** and it is a five-part series. The Milton COA is thrilled to announce this partnership to bring speaker Aileen Gerhardt, MA, BCPA, CSA Independent Board-Certified Patient Advocate (bcpa) and Solo Aging Educator and Advocate, to these sessions via Zoom. Research tells us: 27 percent of U.S. households have one person who lives alone; 36 percent of "Baby Boomers" live in single-person households; and 30 percent of respondents in a Pew Research survey with children would prefer not to involve them in their care as they age. The January dates for this series are: Thursdays, Jan. 16 and Jan. 30, starting at 7 p.m. (and additional sessions will be held on Feb. 6, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27) online. Registration in advance is required to receive the Zoom link and please go to the following links for Jan. 16 and Jan. 30 respectively to sign up:

<https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13430112>

and

<https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13430120>.

Please join us for an important and educational series this winter.

There will be two free yoga classes held this month. **"Adult Yoga" with Sheila Armstrong** will be on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Keys Community Room. This is a one-hour gentle fluid yoga class where we will practice asanas (yoga poses) and breathing techniques to come into the present moment, and create more space in our minds and bodies. For all the details, go to the following link as regis-

January Children's Events, Activities At Crane Library

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Mother Goose Storytime for ages 12-23 months
Thursdays at 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27 and 3/6 at 11 a.m.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Coding Club for Grades 4-5

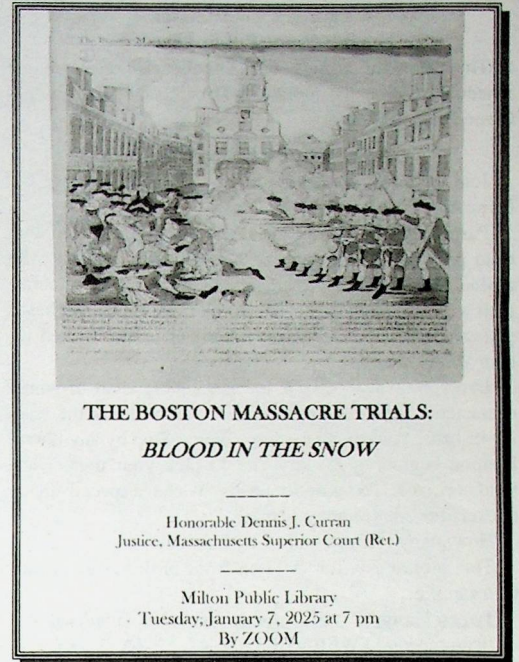
Join us for this five-week session of **beginners** Scratch for 4th and 5th graders with source materials from Girls Who Code.

The program takes place on the following dates: Thursdays 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27 and 3/6 at 3 p.m. If you sign up, please commit to coming for five weeks as they build on each other.

Registration is required and is limited to Quincy residents in grades 4 and 5 and is subject to approval by the library. Registration begins on Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 9 a.m. online at thomascranelibrary.org, by phone at 617-376-1300 ext. 4 or in person at the Main Library Children's Room.

There is no wait list for this program.

All programs sponsored and supported by the Friends of the Thomas Crane Public Library.



JANUARY PROGRAMS at the Milton Public Library include a virtual talk by the Honorable Judge Dennis Curran Jan. 7th entitled "The Boston Massacre Trials - Blood in the Snow."

Registration is required in advance to attend, and space is limited: <https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13627766>.

The second yoga program will be **"Chair Yoga" with Marianne Zullas** and it is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 23 at 3 p.m., also in the Keys Room. This is a very beneficial practice for teenagers, adults, people in wheelchairs or those with physical disabilities or medical concerns. You can gain core strength, improve mobility, reduce stress, and aid mental clarity. You can sign up at the following link, as this is required and again space is limited:

<https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13642040>.

Please join us!

Also on Thursday, Jan. 23, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., the under 40 **"Boozy Bookworms"** group is eager to connect with fellow book enthusiasts! These meetings take place offsite at Steel & Rye, located at 95 Eliot St., Milton, and it is facilitated by staff members Tory Fiske and Micaela Soucy. Attendees are responsible for purchasing their own food and refreshments, and we recommend arriving 15 minutes early if you plan to order. This month we are reading "Hercule Poirot's Christmas" by Agatha Christie. This book group is for OCLN library card holders under the age of 40 only and registration is required for this in-person event as space is limited. To sign up go to:

<https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13527343>.

Prolific author Anthony Sammarco will be back at the MPL on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m., in the Milton Public Library Keys Room in person to give a talk about his latest book called: "The Christmas Tree Shops" (c2024). The Christmas Tree Shops was not just an icon of New England, but it was a destination with stores that boasted a diverse assortment of merchandise from seasonal decorations, home decor, housewares, food, giftware and just about everything else that the public just had to have. Founded in 1970 in Yarmouthport, it was "like walking into a closet full of surprise treasures." For more details about this fascinating book and about the author, please go to this link:

<https://miltonlibrary.libcal.com/event/13430424>.

Anthony's presentations are always so fun and interesting, and I am sure you will enjoy this one!

And our final program for January is the Monthly Wednesday Movie which will happen on Jan. 29, starting at 6 p.m. (please note earlier than usual time). The film will be "Elvis" which is an epic biographical drama, directed by Baz Luhrmann and starring Austin Butler, with supporting roles by Tom Hanks, Olivia DeJonge and many more wonderful actors. The story is seen through the prism of Elvis' complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker (Hanks). The movie is rated PG13 for substance abuse, strong language, suggestive material and smoking, so is not appropriate for young children. The running time is 159 minutes and you do not need to sign up to attend. Just come and enjoy an excellent film, if you have not seen this one yet!

All of these events are kindly sponsored by the Friends of the Milton Public Library and are free and open to all. Questions about any program can be sent to jhlady@milton.ocln.org or you may call the Reference Dept. at (617) 898-4964. We hope to have you visit us in January! The MPL is located at 476 Canton Ave., Milton.

January COA Activities At Kennedy Center

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Tickets will be sold beginning Jan. 2nd for our annual Valentine's Luncheon:

Valentines Luncheon Wednesday, Feb. 12th at 12:30 p.m. It's Valentine's Day, love and friendships are in the air! Let's celebrate this sweet day! Join us for a luncheon and enjoy music from Joey B-Bop. Tickets are \$15 PP and can be purchased at the Kennedy Center. Payment is due at time of registration. Space is limited.

Signups for the following trip will begin on Jan. 2nd at 9AM:

St. Patrick's Day at the Danversport Yacht Club with the O'McMurphy Brothers & Fabulous Fiona Finely Friday, March 14.

\$131 per person To Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, join us at the Danversport Yacht Club for a great day of delicious food and terrific entertainment! Enjoy a traditional lunch with Corned Beef and Cabbage or Boneless Breast of Chicken with homemade stuffing, Potatoes, Vegetable, with Dessert, Coffee or Tea. Join the O'McMurphy Brothers and the Fabulous Fiona Finely for a celebration of all things Irish: the music, humor and heritage come alive with this trio of fun-loving Leprechauns! One of the Best St. Patrick's Day you'll ever have.

Includes: Transportation, lunch, dining room gratuities and taxes, and live show by Jeff & Anne Barnhart and Scott Kahn aka the "O'McMurphy Brothers and the Fabulous Fiona Finely!" Must be a Kennedy Center member. Prices are \$131 per person. Checks only made payable to QCOA. Bus departs from Squantum Point Park at 10:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 4 p.m.

\$600,000 Appropriated For Quincy 400 Celebration

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the size of the building, the proximity of the building to the sidewalk, parking for the commercial space, and the impact on the nearby Adams birthplaces.

Speaking at a community breakfast Jan. 15th honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ian Cain, the City Council president, said there is more work to be done to achieve King's dream of equality, though the issues of today are different from those of the past.

"The issues today are quieter, they're subversive, but they're prevalent nonetheless. We need to uphold and promote respect and love. Why are we afraid to love? It costs nothing and the returns are infinite. We need to be more comfortable engaging in discourse instead of finger pointing, assumptions and blame," Cain said. "We need to look at Dr. King's legacy and learn what commitment truly looks like - to a cause, to a mission, to a people."

Nearly 100 brave souls participated in the ninth annual Houghs Neck Polar Plunge, taking a quick dip into the water off the Public Landing on a 16-degree day. The event raised \$4,800 for the Atherton Hough Elementary School.

A ghost bike was installed at the intersection of Hancock Street and Albion Road in North Quincy in memory of Guang Hui Gao, age 63, who was fatally struck by a vehicle in September 2023. Ward 5 Councillor Daniel Minton, himself an avid biker, said texting while driving had become a major issue in recent years and that police do what they can to crack down on distracted driving.

"What is the answer? It's educating drivers," said Minton, a retired police lieutenant. He added that ghost bike memorial would serve "a tragic and sad way to get the message across."

North Quincy senior Ava Bryan notched her 1,000th career point in a girls' bas-

ketball against Scituate. Bryan, who scored 32 points in the contest, is the sixth female and 11th player overall to reach the 1,000-point plateau in school history.

FEBRUARY

The new public safety headquarters on Sea Street should be ready for occupancy by October 2025 and the project is on budget, members of the project team told city councillors. Construction of the building's superstructure was expected to be finished by the end of April, according to Stephen Chrusciel of the Chrusciel Group, and the goal was to have the building entirely watertight by September. After that, a permanent power supply could be brought to the building, allowing trades to get in there.

"This is kind of like the downtown," Ward 1 Councillor David McCarthy said of the project. "The downtown was bubbling and then all of a sudden it took off, people all of sudden started to pay attention and now with the steel going up and the police station coming on the corner, I think it's a great job. It's going to be great project when it's all done."

Kevin Gomez and Chris Jacobs tied for first place at the annual Houghs Neck Chili Cook-Off. Gomez, the winner of the 2023 competition, prepared the same chili in 2024 featuring five different types of peppers, two

types of sausage, ground beef and secret spices. Jacobs debuted a new recipe starring chipotle chicken.

School administrators outlined their work to address chronic absenteeism among students, including steps to encourage attendance and ways students can make up for lost time. During the 2022-23 school year in Quincy, 14.9 percent of all students in grades 1 through 8 were considered chronically absent, down from 17 percent the previous year. Among the district's high school students, 26.2 percent were considered chronically absent in 2022-23, down from 30.9 percent from the prior school year.

"Students cannot learn unless they're present," said Supt. Kevin Mulvey, "so it is extremely important to do everything we can do to make sure our students get to school and to help our students, in particular students that have problems with attendance, to do as much as we possibly can to get them to school so they can learn."

City councillors unanimously approved an appropriation of \$600,000 to cover costs associated with the Quincy 400 celebration, which will mark the quadricentennial of the city's 1625 settlement in 2025. Chris Walker, the chief of staff to Mayor Thomas Koch, said

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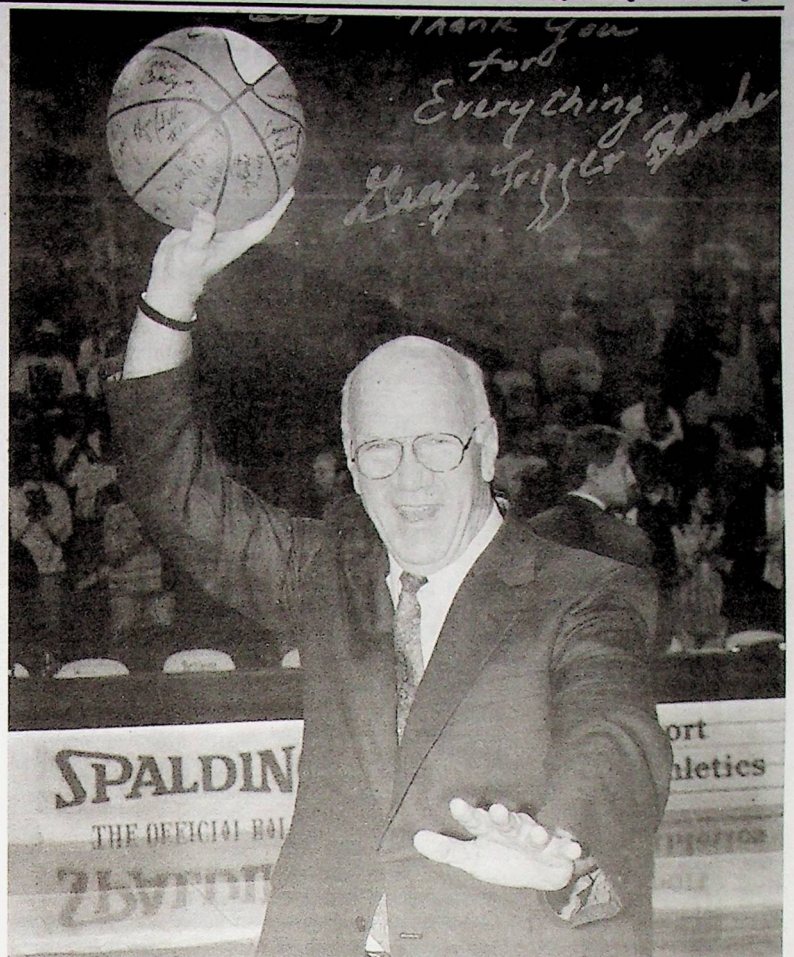


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TINA CAHILL
School Committee



REMEMBERING GEORGE 'TRIGGER' BURKE - Quincy attorney George Burke, a proud alumnus of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, passed away Feb. 14. He was 91. Here "Trigger" playfully shows the form that made him one of the greatest basketball stars at his alma mater. This photo was taken at mid-court during a ceremony in 1994 shortly after a banner was raised to the rafters at the college's Mullins Center retiring Burke's #32. Burke held many of the UMass basketball scoring records until another #32 surpassed them: NBA Hall of Famer Julius Erving. Both Burke and Erving's names and the #32 hang from the rafters. "In terms of my athletic life, it was by far the number one moment," Burke said after that ceremony. This photo was taken by Quincy Sun Publisher Robert Bosworth. Burke autographed the photo.

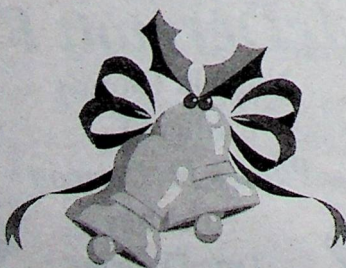
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may your hearts be filled
with peace and love...
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Speaker of the House
Of Representatives

From our Family to yours!

Wishing you a joyful holiday and a very happy and healthy New Year.



Norfolk County Commissioner Joe Shea and Family

Mixed-Use Development OK'd On General McConville Way

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the funding would provide "seed money" to help develop "a rough schedule or calendar, the detailed breakdown of all the programs" that would be included as part of initiative.

George G. Burke II, who served the community as a city councillor, state representative and district attorney, died at the age of 91. A basketball star at the University of Massachusetts — where his number 32 is retired — Mr. Burke was also one of Quincy's foremost philanthropists having contributed thousands of dollars to countless causes over the years.

"George was an indelible part of our community for decades, and his contributions will live on for generations," Koch said. "He gave to his community as a public servant and continued to give the rest of his life by providing financial resources to so many groups, causes and individuals in need over the years. He was truly one of Quincy's greats, and he will certainly be missed."

The Planning Board approved a mixed-use development on General McConville Way in Quincy Center that will include a specialty grocer, 300 apartments and an 800-car municipal garage. Hingham-based Atlantic Development planned to construct the mixed-use project on the 122,000-square-foot site at 101 General McConville Way.

Koch said the city would be dedicating a new Lone Sailor Statue in Marina Bay over the summer. In addition to the statue itself, he said the new park in Marina Bay will recognize Quincy's shipbuilding industry, including a bell from the USS Quincy (CA-71), a heavy cruiser that was launched in 1943 and named after another USS Quincy (CA-39) that was sunk the previous year in the Battle of Savo Island. It would also honor several admirals with ties to Quincy.

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In an interview, Mulvey said the Dr. Rick DeCristofaro Learning Center would open for programming in the summer, with classes set to start there in the fall. Officials had previously hoped students would be able to move into the new learning center during the current school year, but Mulvey said the opening was pushed back due in part to feedback from parents.

"We decided, because of parent feedback as well as practical issues related to the arrival of furniture and the finishing off of the building, that a February start just would not be practical. We're still waiting on some furniture even now and February is almost done," Mulvey said. "So, we basically made the determination that we would be starting the DeCristofaro Learning Center with summer programming in the summer, so following the school year."

The MSBA's board of directors unanimously voted to approve the preferred schematic design for the Squantum Elementary School. Located on Huckins Avenue, the Squantum Elementary School first opened in 1919 and additions were made in the 1940s and 1970s. The city's plan for the replacing the school include retaining the original 1919 section of the building, demolishing the two additions, and constructing the new school around the

renovated 1919 section. The 1919 section and the three new wings would envelope a central courtyard that would feature an outdoor classroom.

"The designs as they are looking right now... it's looking great and the educational space and all of that, it's going to be phenomenal," Mulvey said of the new school. "I think the community is going to be very, very happy with it. It fits really nice into the community, even better than the space right now, and it's keeping the 1919 wing, which is the first part of the building, which I think the community will be happy with too."

MARCH

A steel beam — painted white and signed by dozens of police officers, firefighters, construction workers, city officials and other members of the project team — was hoisted four stories into the air during a topping-off ceremony celebrating a major milestone in the effort to build a new public safety headquarters.

"At the end of the day really what we're doing here today is sending a real message to our public safety departments — our police and fire departments," said Mayor Thomas Koch. "This is a real visible sign of the value they have in our community, our value set really set as a community in which

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STILTED CHARACTERS from the Boston Circus Guild portraying (from left) President George Washington, President John Quincy Adams and a Snowflake Angel greet youngsters and a pooch at the City of Quincy Winterfest at Hancock-Adams Common held on Presidents' Day, Feb. 19.

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

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Biden, Trump Win Super Tuesday Primaries Here, Massachusetts

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we hold our public safety officials in really high regard for what they do each and every day having our backs, so we're grateful for them."

The girls' basketball team at Quincy High School advanced to the round of 16 in the Division 1 state tournament before bowing to Lexington. The team won their opening match of the postseason, bouncing Hopkinton from the tournament. The Presidents qualified for the tournament after going 17-3 in the regular season. The team received a commendation from the City Council for their achievements; Councillor Scott Campbell noted 12 of the 13 players on the varsity team made honor roll, with 10 of those players making distinction.

Also making the postseason was the girls' basketball team at North Quincy High School; the round bowed out in the round of 32 versus Whitman-Hanson. The boys' hockey team at North likewise made the postseason, bowing out in the round of 32.

President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump won big on Super Tuesday – both in Quincy and elsewhere.

Biden received 6,364 votes in Quincy in the March 5 Democratic primary, 74.65 percent of all votes cast, and was the top vote getter in each of the city's six wards. "No preference" garnered the second most votes, 1,031, followed by Cong. Dean Phillips (536 votes) and author Marianne Williamson (338 votes).

Trump received 4,388 votes in Quincy in the Republican primary, 67.56 percent of all votes cast, and polled the most votes in all six wards. Nikki Haley, the former governor of South Carolina, was runner up with 1,901 votes, 29.27 percent of all votes cast. "No preference" was a distant third with 75 votes. The remaining votes were split between candidates who withdrew from the race prior to the primary.

City councillors approved borrowing \$5.2 million to purchase three new fire trucks – one ladder and two engines – and upgrade firehouse to accommodate the new apparatus. Fire Chief Joseph Jackson said the ladder would be a tiller truck and would become the new Ladder 1 once the city receives it. The engines will become the new Engine 4, based out of Wollaston, and Engine 5, based out of West Quincy.



CONG. WILLIAM DELAHUNT holds his nine-month-old granddaughter, Maya Bobrov, shortly after announcing he would not seek re-election to an eighth term at a City Hall press conference March 5, 2010. Mr. Delahunt, who served 14 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, from 1997 to 2011, for Massachusetts's 10th Congressional District, died March 30. He was 82. Mr. Delahunt also served as a Ward 5 city councillor and was the Norfolk County district attorney from 1975 to 1996 after serving in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1973 to 1975.

Quincy Sun File Photo/Robert Bosworth

The city of Boston began making emergency repairs to Moon Island Road in previous weeks despite saying no such work would be needed during the ongoing dispute over the planned new Long Island Bridge, Quincy City Solicitor James Timmins told city councillors. In early February, Quincy received an emergency certification form from Boston relative to the work on Moon Island Road, he said, adding the form was "devoid of detail."

"Boston has consistently denied in court cases that played out after the original permitting process that they're going to do any

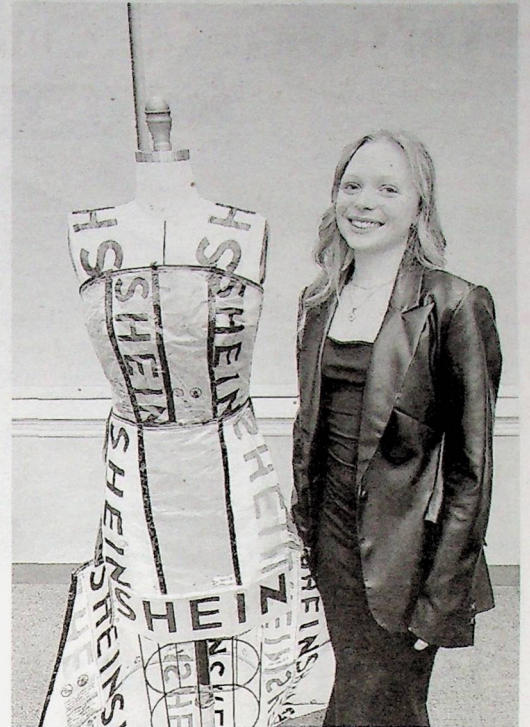
work on Moon Island roadway, the causeway," Timmins said.

A senior at Quincy High School who was headed to Paris after graduation to continue studying fashion, Kimi Vallee was named the school district's Outstanding Vocational Technical Student of the Year.

"Studying fashion has been my long-term dream ever since I was six years old," Vallee said during a School Committee meeting. "Sewing always came very naturally to me, and fashion gave me a way to express myself and explore my creativity."

Quincy Public Schools

parents and community members spoke out during a School Committee meeting in support of making Lunar New Year a new school holiday starting next year. Two members of the committee, Koch and Courtney Perdios, also said they would support making the day a holiday.



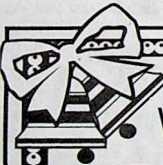
KIMI VALLEE poses with a dress she made out of Shein plastic bags, which she highlighted during the March 6 school board meeting. The dress has been shown at four separate fashion show, including Quincy High School annual show in 2022. A fashion technology major at Quincy High School Quincy High School, Vallee was honored as the Quincy Public Schools' Outstanding Vocational Technical Student of the Year during the March 6 meeting of the School Committee.

Quincy Sun Photo/Scott Jackson

Earlier in the month, the School Committee's policy subcommittee – whose members include Tina Cahill, Douglas Gutro and Em-

ily Lebo – had voted unanimously to send a proposed calendar for the 2024-25 academic year, which did not

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Emily Lebo
QUINCY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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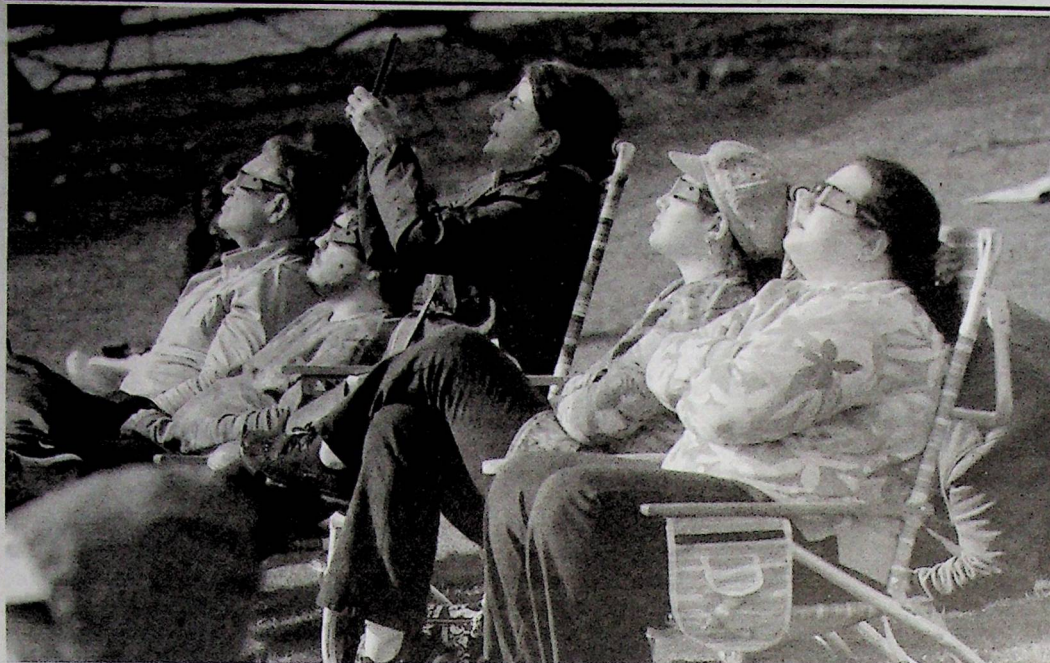
NINA LIANG
Councillor At-Large



Wishing Everyone a Healthy, Safe & Prosperous New Year



From Councillor-At-Large
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HUNDREDS GATHERED on the front lawn of the Thomas Crane Public Library to view the solar eclipse April 8 through protective glasses.
Quincy Sun photo/Tom Gorman

Hundreds View Solar Eclipse From Front Lawn Of Crane Public Library

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include a day off on Lunar New Year, to the full committee for review.

Retired US Rep. William Delahunt, the first Quincy resident elected to Congress since John Quincy Adams, died at his Quincy home following a long-term illness at the age of 82. Prior

to his election to Congress, Mr. Delahunt had served as a Quincy city councilor, Massachusetts state representative, and Norfolk County district attorney.

"Bill Delahunt was the epitome of what it means to be a public servant," said Ron Mariano, speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. "From

the Coast Guard, to local government, to the halls of Congress, Bill worked incredibly hard on behalf of the people that he served, and on the causes that he believed in. He always made Quincy and Massachusetts proud, and for decades, I had the privilege of calling him a good friend and mentor."

APRIL

Ongoing work at Pine Hill Cemetery, which includes the addition of burial and inurnment spaces for 13,000 individuals, was set for completion in the fall, according to Dave Murphy, the city's commissioner of natural resources.

"We're making tremendous progress up there," Murphy said. "I think if you took a look at our original inventory, we would have run out...right around this time. We've been able to expand those offerings so that people in their time of grief don't have to travel far, especially if you're a widower or a widow and you want to attend your loved one's grave."

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BRENDAN and MAURA Gavaghan ran the Boston Marathon in April. Brendan raised money for Boston Medical Center and Maura raised money for Spaulding Rehabilitation. The two area hospitals had treated Brendan after he suffered a traumatic brain injury in 2017.

Courtesy Photo

Having it closer in Quincy than another community for some people that have travel limitations, that's really important for them."

City councillors commended North Quincy High School basketball star Ava Bryan for her achievements on and off the court. Bryan was a four-starter and a three-year captain for the varsity basketball team. She scored 404 points in 22 games this past season, leading the Patriot League in scoring, Councillor Scott

Campbell said, and had a record 56 three-point field goals made. She also had 165 rebounds and seven double-doubles on the season and was named a Boston Globe Player of the Week and Patriot League All-Star.

Ian Cain, the president of the City Council, filed paperwork to run for US Senate as a Republican. First elected to the City Council in 2015, he planned to continue serving on the council while campaigning for the seat.

Hundreds gathered on the lawn of the Thomas Crane Public Library to witness a solar eclipse. The 60-degree temperature dipped several degrees as the moon crossed in front of the sun that afternoon; at the peak of the eclipse, 93 percent of the sun was blocked by the moon.

"This is so awesome," said Michael Perry of Quincy, one of many residents who came together to watch the eclipse.

The Quincy Fire Department's 16 newest firefighters were sworn in amid a City Hall ceremony. Joining the department were: Timothy Barry, Jake DeFranco, Lorenzo Scarnici, Andrew Brown, Jonathan Melanson, Edward Walsh, Liam Ball, Rance Gillespie, John Lawlor, Jason Mitchell, Kevin Yang, Sean Kealey, Matthew Jay, Nicholas McGaughey, Peter Senatore and Joshua Rodriguez.

The School Committee approved a calendar for the 2024-25 academic year that will keep schools open on

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School Committeeman
PAUL BREGOLI



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Report Recommends Mayor's Salary \$298,957 - \$370,000

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Lunar New Year, despite a push from parents and community members make it a school holiday. The committee voted 4-2 in favor of the calendar without the new holiday. Paul Bregoli, Douglas Gutro, Kathryn Hubley and Emily Lebo voted in favor of the calendar while Mayor Thomas Koch, the committee's chairperson, and Courtney Perdios voted against it. Tina Cahill, the committee's vice chairperson, was not present that evening.

Gutro said if the school system were to close for a new holiday, it should be a city holiday as well.

"My feeling is if we choose to value one cultural or religious holiday over another, that we should make it a citywide holiday so an entire family could celebrate," Gutro said. "I don't understand how you value a culture if the student has the day off but the parent who works for the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, Parks Department, Treasurer's Office and so on don't get the same day off."

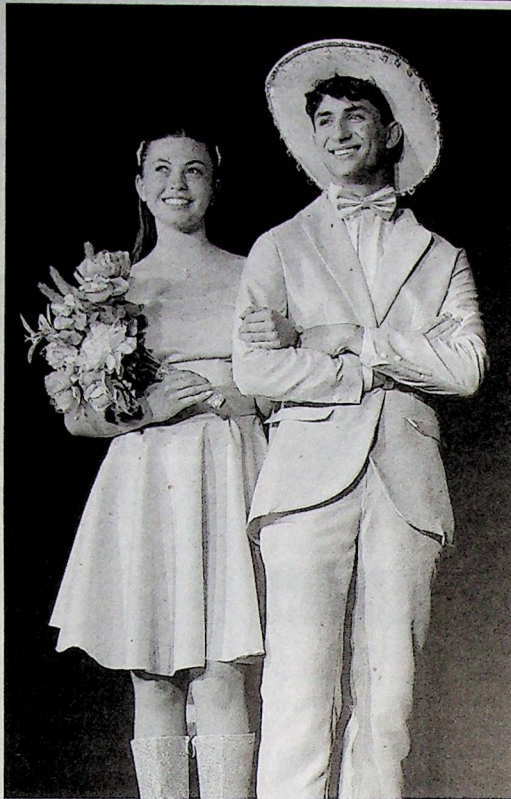
Brendan and Maura Gavanagh were among the thousands of runners who completed the Boston Marathon. The brother and sister from Quincy were able to raise more than \$20,000 in support of two area hospitals who helped saved Brendan's life after he sustained a life-threatening head injury in 2017.

"What got us both through the warm temps and tough hills was thinking back on why we were out there— to give back to the two hospitals that saved Brendan's life in 2017 — Boston Medical Center and Spaulding Rehab," Maura said. "It was an amazing celebration of Brendan's journey, and everyone who supported us back in 2017 all the way through to yesterday's marathon!"

Quincy resident Helen Van Riel also ran the marathon, raising money for Massachusetts General Hospital. She ran the marathon for MGH in memory of her mother.

A report by Dorminson Consulting presented to city councillors recommended increasing the salary for Quincy's mayor from \$150,943 to between \$298,957 and \$370,000. The report stated that the salary range was reasonable based on comparisons with other communities in the state with populations similar to Quincy. The report stated the city manager in Cambridge (population 118,000) had a salary of \$330,000 while the city manager in Lowell (popula-

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RUNWAY MODELS - Quincy High School students Megan Caldwell (Barbie) and Josue Silva (Ken) wear Barbie-inspired fashions designed by classmate Blade at the 14th annual QHS Fashion Show May 9. *Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth*

tion 113,000) had a salary of \$235,000.

The city paid Dorminson \$9,500 for the report.

City councillors commenced their review of a proposed \$157 million bond for improvements in Quincy Center, including two new garages in the area of the former Ross Lot, undergrounding utilities on Codrington Street, and creating a new park honoring John Quincy Adams. In addition,

councillors were also reviewing an amendment to the Urban Revitalization and Development Plan for Quincy Center, which would more than double size of the downtown project area, adding shopping centers on Granite Street and other new sections into the zone. The amendment also identifies a number of parcels for potential acquisition by the city.

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SONS OF THE American Legion, Squadron 294, Morrisette Legion Post, held its annual Memorial Day observance in May at Flags for Veterans Island, Fort Square, Quincy. Here a wreath in memory of the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military is placed at the main flag pole at the island by Col. Frank Curtis (left) and Steve Dunlea, dual member, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 294 and Morrisette Legion Post. Col. Curtis was the keynote speaker. *Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth*

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Koch Submits \$424 Million Budget For FY 2025

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Councillors Nina Liang, Scott Campbell, Noel DiBona, Richard Ash and Ian Cain introduced an ordinance to make Lunar New Year a legal holiday in the city.

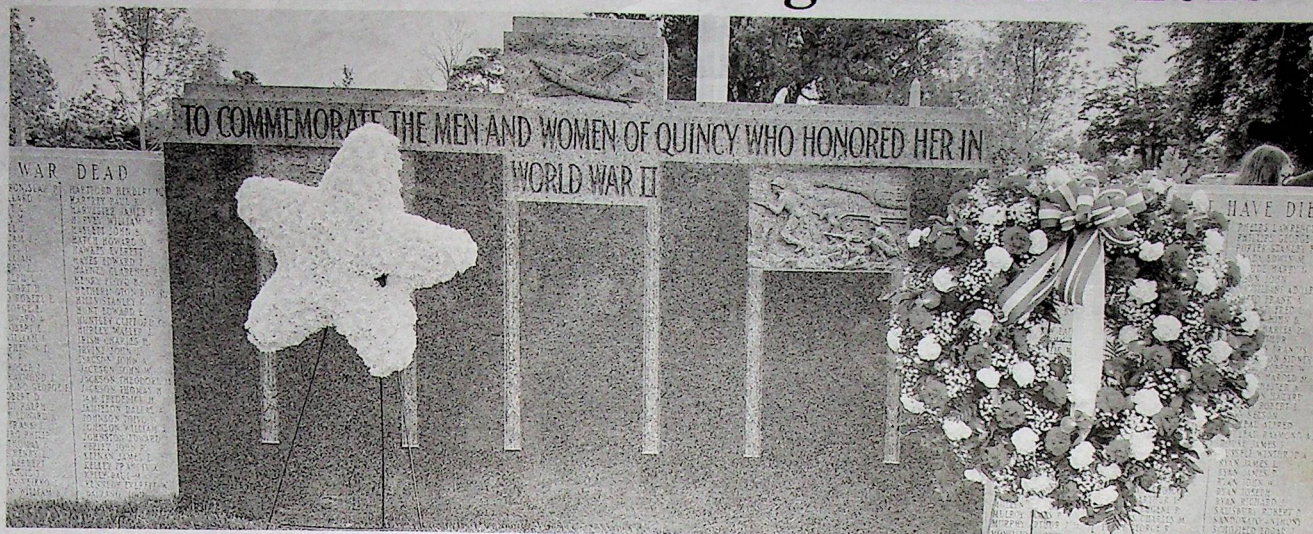
Councillors approved four separate borrowing requests totaling \$33 million. The largest bond, \$20 million, was for capital improvements, including an additional \$6 million for the Quincy Animal Shelter. Also approved was a \$4 million bond for park improvements, namely the acquisition of a car wash on South Street next to a park and work on the Quincy Navy Park at Squantum. Also approved were a \$7 million loan for sewer improvements in 2025 and a \$2.5 million loan from the MWRA for the removal of lead water service lines.

MAY

Mayor Thomas Koch unveiled May 6th his proposed \$424 million budget for fiscal year 2025, an increase of \$18.3 million or 4.5 percent over the current budget. The budget includes funding for a new Department of Grant Management who would be tasked with seeking federal and state funds, among other new positions. Koch said that while other communities in the area are facing layoffs or contemplating Proposition 2 1/2 overrides this spring as they prepare for the new fiscal year, Quincy was not.

"When you look around the region, look around neighboring cities and towns, there's a lot of challenges people are facing," Koch said. "I certainly wish them well, but we are not in a position where any of them are, so we are not doing layoffs, we are not doing cuts. We have plenty of room in the excess levy capacity, so we are not even entertaining any kind of Prop 2 1/2 override like many other communities are doing."

The Board of License Commissioners granted a liquor license and entertainment and brunch licenses to Masons Steakhouse, which



GOLD STAR and patriotic red, white and blue wreaths were placed in front of the World War II memorial at Mount Wollaston Cemetery during the city's Memorial Day ceremony May 27. The monument bears the names of the 255 Quincy residents killed during the war.

Quincy Sun Photos/Scott Jackson

planned to open inside the former Masonic Temple on Hancock Street in Quincy Center. The new steakhouse would be owned by Jimmy Liang, the founder of the JP Fuji Group, who said he wanted to bring nightlife back to the downtown.

"Nightlife is not around anymore and we're hoping we can utilize this chance to bring back some sort of nightlife to the city of Quincy whether it's for us or for the other establishments in the area," he said.

The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously approved the request of Wildflower Cannabis LLC to open a marijuana dispensary at 159 Brook Rd. in South Quincy. The owners of the business had told the board their store would be different from other dispensaries, offering "smaller, more boutique-type products."

Ten members of the Quincy Police Department were among the more than 40 police officers recognized during the Quincy District Court's Law Day ceremony. Quincy Police Lt. Michael Doran, Sgt. Det. Tom Pepdjonovic, Det. James Menz and Officer Elizabeth Le, along with Lt. Mark Gillespie of the MBTA Transit Police, were honored for their investigation into the kidnapping and rape of a woman at the Wollaston MBTA station in November 2022. Quincy Police

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Lt. James Greene and Officers John Clifford, Brenna Callahan and Cornelius Koch were honored for their response to an attempted sexual assault in the vicinity of the Wollaston MBTA station in December 2022. Quincy Police Officers Ashley McBrien and Jose Burga were honored for their response to a December 2023 domestic disturbance.

Koch introduced ordinances that would increase his annual salary to from \$150,943 to \$285,000 and the salary of each of the nine city councillors to from \$29,800 to \$47,500.

"The proposal is not strictly about raising the salary of our current mayor for the first time in a decade, although that's true," said Chris Walker, Koch's chief of staff. "It's about raising the salary of the position of mayor to an appropriate place to ensure that when the time comes, the salary is enough to attract and retain experienced, talented, committed, passionate individuals to the position."

In a pair of unanimous votes, city councillors passed a \$157 million bond for improvements in Quincy Center, including the construction of two new garages in the vicinity of the former Ross Lot, as well as

an amendment to the Urban Revitalization and Development Plan for the downtown.

"We want to move forward," Councillor Noel DiBona said. "I want to move Quincy forward in the right direction. It's going to cost some funding, it's going to cost money, that's how this works. You have to make an investment...you put money into an investment, and you get something in return."

City councillors unanimously approved an ordinance that would require the Quincy Public Schools be closed in observance of Lunar New Year. As originally introduced in April, the ordinance would have made the day a municipal holiday in the city. It was amended to make it a school holiday on the advice of City Solicitor Jim Timmins, who said state law does not give communities the power to make such holidays.

"I could not think of a better way to wrap up our final meeting of AAPI Heritage Month," said Councillor Nina Liang following the vote.

Two days later, the School Committee voted 5-2 - with Koch and Courtney Perdios opposed - to ask outside legal counsel to review whether councillors had the authority to pass that



KIPP CALDWELL was the guest speaker at the Quincy Memorial Day observance. He said the love shown by fallen service members "demands that we honor them by living our life to the fullest and showing the same kind of love to the people we come in contact with."

ordinance.

"From my perspective, this is not about Lunar New Year," said Tina Cahill, the committee's vice chair. "We did deliberate as the School Committee, we voted on the school calendar and the City Council took a vote to override that or to create their own holiday. My issue here is the two bodies...what are our roles, what are our responsibilities?"

School administrators unveiled a \$142.54 million budget for the 2024-2025 academic year - an increase of \$7.9 million over the current budget - which would provide funding for more than 40 new positions, including teachers, paraprofessionals and other staff who would work at the

new Dr. Rick DeCristofaro Learning Center.

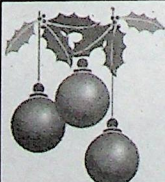
Two dozen Quincy residents gathered outside City Hall to rally against Koch's proposal to increase his salary to \$285,000. Among those who spoke was Maggie McKee, who said she was not opposed to pay raises for the mayor, but called Koch's proposed raise "far outside of state and national norms." The proposed salary of \$285,000 is higher than the salaries paid to the mayors of nine of ten of the most populous cities in the country, she said, and is more than what Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey and the Bay State's two US senators receive for their salaries.

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Council Votes 7-1 To Raise Mayor's Salary To \$285,000

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"For Quincy's mayor to potentially make more than all of those positions seems unfair, even egregious," McKee said.

Michelle Hanly was named the city's new director of elder services; she had previously led the recreation department. The prior elder services director, Tom Clabby, was fired amid a police investigation.

The developer behind a proposed four-story, nine-unit condominium building at the corner of Independence Avenue and Franklin Street withdrew the proposal. Nearby residents and business owners had spoken out against the plan during a pair of public hearings, one in January and one earlier in May.

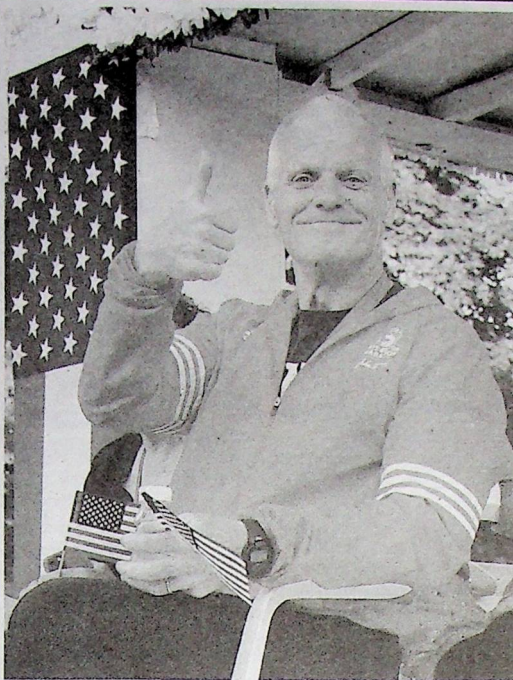
The guest speaker at Quincy's annual Memorial Day ceremony reflected on how to mourn and honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the nation's armed forces.

"One way is to honor them by telling their sto-

ries so that their acts are not forgotten, like I just did with my brother," said Kipp Caldwell, the math department head at North Quincy High School whose brother, Charles Todd Caldwell, was killed in Iraq in 2003. "Another way we can honor them is to not allow our grief to overwhelm us. In the bible, John 15:13 states, 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.' The love that they have shown us in their sacrifice demands that we honor them by living our life to the fullest and showing the same kind of love to the people we come in contact with."

The North Quincy High School boys' volleyball team bowed to Andover in the round of 32 in the MIAA Division 1 tournament. The team finished the year with an 11-10 record.

The boys' and girls' tennis teams at North also qualified for postseason play. The boys' team bowed to Duxbury in the round of 16. The girls' team bowed to Westborough in the round of 32.



QUINCY'S 73RD ANNUAL Flag Day Parade was a celebration of "Old Glory" and a thank you to folks who have made a difference in the community. Here Parade Grand Marshal Richard "Ratt" Kennedy (left) gives a thumbs up as he rides along the route on a float. Kennedy has helped raise millions of dollars for ALS research and is a key organizer of the Squirrel Run Road Race held the past 26 years in memory of his brother Jimmy who passed away from Lou Gehrig's Disease in 1997. Also honored at the parade was the Honorable William G. Farrell (waving an American flag, right photo), an Associate Justice of the MA District Court, who received the Richard J. and Simone Koch Youth Service Award in recognition of his dedication as a long-time youth coach in baseball, basketball and softball.

Quincy Sun Photos/Robert Bosworth



JUNE

City councillors, in a 7-1 vote, gave preliminary approval to an ordinance that would raise Mayor Thomas Koch's salary from \$150,900 to \$285,000, effective on Jan. 1. During the meeting, Ward 1 Councillor David McCarthy, the chairperson of the council's finance committee, said he provided his colleagues with a report on the salaries for the executive teams in

other Massachusetts communities. Cambridge, for example, was set to pay its mayor \$143,374, plus \$309,000 to its city manager and \$284,625 to its deputy city manager.

"Everybody has a deputy city manager. Everybody has an assistant town administrator. This is a single executive position. Everybody has the Chris Walkers and the Al Graziosos of the world," McCarthy said, referring to Koch's chief of staff and Quincy's commissioner of public works. "In all these other towns, they all have that type of organization, but this is a single mayor, single executive position. There is no deputy mayor."

Ward 5 Councillor Daniel Minton voted against the ordinance. He said the salaries of \$285,000 for the mayor and \$47,000 for city councillors - which would be considered at a later meeting - were "on the high side" and he would support new salaries of \$230,000 and \$38,000 for those positions.

Seven new members of the Quincy Police Department - Patrick Ward, Mark Gibbons, Thomas Lester, Thomas Ridge, Christian DeGrandis, Bruno Borges

and Sean O'Brien - were sworn in at City Hall. Ward and Gibbons were lateral transfers from Canton and Braintree, while the remaining five were headed to the academy for training.

The 373 members of North Quincy High School's graduating class and the 364 members of Quincy High School's graduating class received their diplomas at a pair of commencement ceremonies.

"If there is anything high school, and this year in particular, has taught me, it is that the road to success is not predetermined nor is it perfect," said North Valedictorian Jonathan Baldini. "You may make plans that fall through, mess up and set your progress back, or end up somewhere entirely different from where you envisioned. Understand that life goes on, and whether these perceived missteps are beneficial or detrimental depends on how you react to them."

"I'll be honest, I'm scared of the future. Out there will be a different world that I'm not used to. But, I'll adapt," said Quincy Valedictorian Stanley Tran. "That is what we as Quincy High School

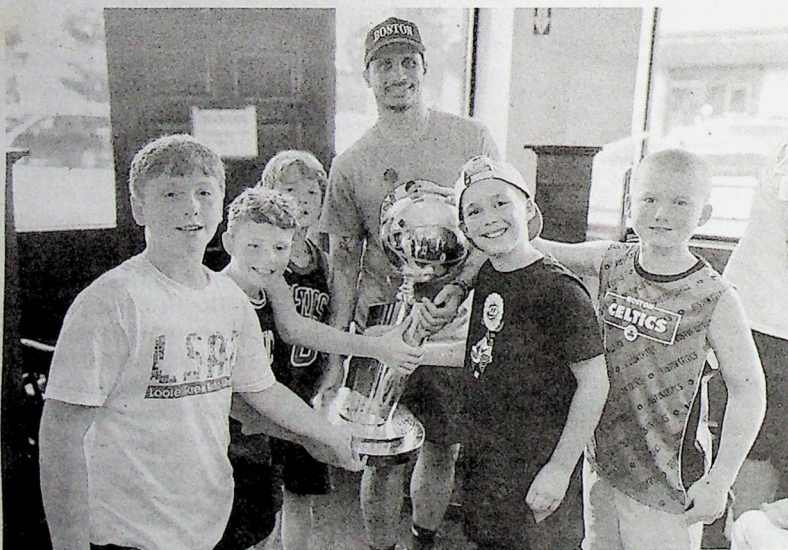
students and now-graduates do best. We are adaptable. The near future will be a huge hurdle, just like the transition from middle school to high school. But, the distant future will follow suit and our adaptability will grant us a grand journey. In that way, change and the future is not all that scary."

The state legislature approved, and Gov. Maura Healey signed into a law, legislation to ban revenge porn. Massachusetts became the 49th state to do so.

"After so many years of hard work, we are finally at a stage where we can bring closure to those who continue to suffer the consequences, and live under the threat of, revenge pornography and abusive control," said Sen. John Keenan, who sponsored the bill in the Senate. "We are sending the message that this kind of activity will not be tolerated in our commonwealth."

Richard "Ratt" Kennedy was the grand marshal of the city's 73rd annual Flag Day parade in recognition of the millions of dollars he has raised for ALS research. William G. Farrell, a district court judge, received the

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TROPHY TIME - Young Quincy athletes pose with Boston Celtics Head Coach Joe Mazzulla and the Larry O'Brien NBA Championship trophy at the Fowler House Restaurant June 20 ahead of the Championship parade that took place in Boston June 21. From left to right: Kayden Dowling, Jackson Halpin, Odhran Waldron, Coach Mazzulla, Jackson Tucker and Declan Goonan. The Celtics won their 18th NBA title June 17 defeating the Dallas Mavericks 4 games to 1.

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Eastern Nazarene College Closing

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Richard J. and Simone N. Koch Youth Service Award in recognition of his dedication as a long-time coach in youth baseball, basketball and softball.

Members of the project team planning the new Squantum Elementary School told the School Committee the new facility could be open as soon as the fall of 2027. Brian Laroche of PCA360 said the project was now running ahead of schedule.

The city planned to maintain and renovate the original 1919 section of the school. Two later additions would be demolished and three new wings, enveloped around a central courtyard housing an outdoor classroom, would be constructed. Modular classrooms would be used during construction to keep all students on site.

In a memo to the School Committee, attorneys with the law firm Valerio Dominello & Hillman said the City Council did not have the authority to approve an ordinance making Lunar New Year a school holiday. School board member Emily Lebo said that school calendar approved by the committee in April, which did not include the new holiday, "stands as is."

City councillors gave final approval to the proposed \$134,000 increase in the mayor's salary. They also approved raises of roughly \$15,000 for themselves, cutting \$3,000 from Koch's original proposal. In addition, they signed off on the \$424.13 million budget for the fiscal year that would begin on July 1.

Councillors also approved \$250,000 to kick-start the public marketing campaign for the planned municipal broadband network as the city prepared to pilot the program in Quincy Point and Merrymount.

"This is a really good public works project to provide digital access to

all residents of the city and something that, when we do complete this project, will be looked on favorably across the country," said City Council President Ian Cain, who had been leading the initiative for the past six years.

Wollaston's Eastern Nazarene College announced it would be closing and "transitioning it into a new educational enterprise" that will carry on the school's legacy. In a statement, the school said that "like all small, private, liberal arts colleges, Eastern Nazarene has faced significant financial headwinds in recent years." The trustees and numerous presidents had pursued alternatives to closure during that time, but the pressures continued to intensify and "it has become clear that transitioning to a new educational enterprise is the only viable path for continuing ENC's mission of providing transformational education."

A Quincy-based developer presented plans to build a mixed-use project featuring 256 residential units and 65,000 square feet of commercial space on Granite Street in Quincy Center. The Grossman Companies planned to undertake the project at 74 Granite St., currently home to a shopping center that includes TJ Maxx, Dollar Tree, Papa Gino's and others, as well as the property at 56 Granite St., where Burger King is located.

July

A group of Quincy residents seeking to repeal raises for the mayor and city councillors did get not gather enough signatures to put those pay increases on the ballot. The group, A Just Quincy, needed to collect the signatures from 12 percent of the city's registered voters within 20 days of the ordinances' passage. Had they gotten enough signatures, city councillors would have had to meet to reconsider the raises, and had



VETERAN JAMES SMITH, right, chats with twin brothers, Cole, left, and Zach Smith, both 6, during Harvey's Saltwater Fishing Club's annual Disabled Veterans Day fishing outing in July.

they not rescinded them, the issue would be put to voters.

The group reported they collected 6,030 signatures on the petition to repeal the mayor's salary increase and 4,642 signatures to undo the pay raise for city councillors. They needed to collect about 8,000 signatures on each petition.

"We thank the incredible volunteers who worked tirelessly to obtain such a phenomenal number of signatures," the group said in a statement. "We thank the citizens of Quincy for their attention and fierce determination to let the councillors and mayor know their desire to have these raises voluntarily reduced."

On what would have been his 257th birthday, John Quincy Adams was honored for his contributions to the country, in particular his efforts in the fight against slavery.

"Adams arguably accomplished more in his long life than any other American with the possible exception of Benjamin Franklin. We are the eventual beneficiaries. We have Adams to thank for his role in moving the country forward and doing it in such a way that morality and integrity were the cornerstones of incred-

ible achievements that will forever be connected to his legacy," said Jeff Denman, the author of the 2023 book, "John Quincy Adams, Reluctant Abolitionist."

Quincy's Kimberly Campbell was preparing to head to Chicago later on the month, where she would vie for the title of Ms. Petite USA for the second straight year. A native of Jamaica, Campbell had been competing in pageants since 2010, when she was a college student in Louisiana.

"For me, I love the competition, so I'm like 'bring it on.' I want everyone in my division to be strong, passionate, because the win feels a lot better when you have that competition," she said. "For me, it's really fun and exciting and when I leave, I always tell myself to leave knowing one queen, so I never leave a pageant without knowing anyone - I always ensure I connect with one person before I leave."

Chris Rooney, who was named the city's director of recreation earlier in the spring, said his new position was like "being back home." Rooney began his career with the city as a program manager for the Park Department before joining

the Board of Assessors, a position he held until his recent appointment.

"It was definitely a decision I pondered for a little bit," he said of his decision to lead the Recreation Department. "Obviously, I had eight years doing taxes, but athletics have always been a huge part of my life. I think they are vital for social interaction, for youth development. You hear recreation, you think maybe 'it's just a wiffleball game,' but it's so much more than that."

A summer tradition was renewed when more than 100 disabled veterans enjoyed a day of relaxation and fishing on Quincy Bay during Harvey's Saltwater Fishing Club's annual outing. A dozen lobster boats transported veterans from four area hospitals that day, giving the veterans a chance to relax, chat, and try to catch some flounder.

"It's everything I hoped for and more," said Harvey Abrams from the Community Living Center in Chelsea. "It's a great day out - good to be getting together with my peers."

As it was preparing to celebrate its 25th anniversary, the Quincy Animal Shelter was running at capacity and in need of more help

from the community.

"Besides food and supplies and all of those things, we really need people to consider adoption. Adoption does save lives, fostering saves lives, so that kind of support is what we need," said Sandra Sines, president of the organization's board of directors.

"We're not against anything. We understand that people want to get a purebred German shepherd or a golden retriever. That's okay. We understand that. But if they're not looking for something very specific, adoption is a great option, it's a great value. Our adoption fees do not even cover what we put into an animal. It's definitely a great value and you're saving a life."

AUGUST

The New England Free Jacks made history by securing their second consecutive Major League Rugby (MLR) Championship with a hard-fought, 20-11, victory over the Seattle Seawolves in the MLR title game at Snapdragon Stadium in San Diego. With the win, New England joined Seattle as the only clubs to win two league titles.

"From the start, I've

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SHARING A MOMENT before the dedication of the Lone Sailor statue and Quincy Navy Park at Squantum Aug. 9th were three of the local veterans who are honored at the park. From left to right: Rear Admiral Stephen T. Keith (retired); 101-year-old Frank Bellotti who served in the U.S. Navy's elite Amphibious Scouts and Raiders during World War II; and 100-year-old WWII veteran Mildred Cox who enlisted in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve on her 20th birthday and served with the Aviation Women's Reserve Squadron 15.

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

Lone Sailor, Navy Park Salute Service, Sacrifice

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learned that the Free Jacks are more than just a rugby team," said Jed Melvin, who was named Player of the Match. "We're a community, we're a family, and we look out for each other. The brotherhood of this team is incredible, and now we did it back to back, so it is all pretty special."

The Quincy Public Schools received a \$300,000 grant from Beth Israel Lahey Health to cover the cost of hiring and training a behavioral health navigator. The grant will cover the position for three years.

Amid gray clouds, intermittent rain and peaks of sunshine, the city of Quincy dedicated the Navy Park in Squantum. Located adjacent to the Marina Bay boardwalk, the centerpiece of the new park is a Lone Sailor statue and it also includes dedications to six admirals from Quincy and six other notables who served in the sea services. The admirals honored are Colin James Kilrain and John Ready (both three-star admirals); Giles Stedman, Bartholomew Hogan and Forrest Royal (all two-star admirals); and Stephen Keith (a one-star admiral). The other notables include Charles Francis Adams III,

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Francis X. Bellotti, Henry Bosworth Jr., Mildred Cox, Richard Stratton and John J. Shea.

"To me, the Lone Sailor represents the vessel of the people that I know that have done things in the Navy," said Keith, who was among those who spoke at the dedication. "I can put faces with them which helps me remember them in their time of need. There's sadness in that, there's joy in that, but the sacrifices that he represents are real."

The Quincy Fire Department hosted a Firefighter for a Day program for rising seventh graders. Over the course of two days, the middle schoolers were led through activities that taught them skills like CPR awareness, escape planning and how to use a fire extinguisher.

Supt. Kevin Mulvey said the forthcoming opening of the new Dr. Rick DeCristofaro Learning Center would mark "a new era for the Quincy Public Schools." The building had been dedicated in October 2023, opened up for programming in the summer of 2024, and would welcome some 275 students and 100 staff mem-

bers at the start of the new school year.

"It is a new era for Quincy Public Schools," Mulvey said. "We're keeping a lot more Quincy families in Quincy that would normally have to travel to Hingham or even farther than that, so it's 30 to 45 minutes on a bus they can avoid and the families stay local in Quincy, which is great. It's going to build that community, which is a first for Quincy, which is great."

The Friends of the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater presented their Spyglass Award to Robert Bosworth, publisher of The Quincy Sun, in recognition of his dedication to the dedication to informing, connecting, and uplifting the people of Quincy.

"Thank you, Bob Bosworth and The Quincy Sun, for your part in helping to save the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater by keeping the community informed as the Friends of RGA worked to find a solution," said Sara Trainor Callard, executive director of the group. "Today, we are so happy to be working in partnership with the city, restoring and revitalizing this cherished arts resource for the commu-



Quincy Navy Park at Squantum and Lone Sailor Statue Marina Bay Quincy, MA

THE QUINCY SUN'S Aug. 15th issue featured a front page photo of the Lone Sailor Statue that was dedicated Aug. 9 at the new Navy Park at Squantum. Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

The historic National Executive Committee room at the American Legion's headquarters in Indianapolis was dedicated in honor of John "Jake" Comer, the former national commander of the organization and a Quincy native.

Hundreds of people came together on the Hancock-Adams Common for a vigil to remember those lost to overdose and substance-use disorder. This was the 14th annual vigil the city has held.

SEPTEMBER

John Deaton topped the ballot in the Republican primary for US Senate and was set to face incumbent Elizabeth Warren in November. Deaton, a Swansea resident, received 64.9 percent of the statewide vote in the Sept. 3 Republican primary. Robert Antonellis of Medford was second with 26 percent of the vote and Quincy City Council President Ian Cain finished third with 9.1 percent of the vote. Cain was the top vote getter in his hometown, collecting 1,247 votes in Quincy. Deaton was

second with 1,171 votes and Antonellis third with 613 votes.

The ballot also included competitive races on the Democratic ballot for Norfolk County register of deeds and clerk of courts, as well as Governor's Council for the fourth district. No Republicans ran for those posts. In the register of deeds race, incumbent William O'Donnell of Norwood outpolled Quincy City Councillor Noel DiBona, though DiBona carried Quincy, 4,730 votes to 3,805. In the clerk of courts race, Walter Timilty edged out Robert Jubinville, also of Milton. Timilty carried Quincy with 4,449 votes to Jubinville's 3,529. In the Governor's Council contest, Christopher Ianella of Boston over Stacey Borden of Boston and 32.5 Ronald Iacobucci of Quincy. Ianella was the top vote getter in Quincy, finishing with 3,432 votes. Iacobucci was second with 2,978 and Borden notched 1,678.

The Braintree Branch of the MBTA's Red Line was closed for much of the month to allow crews to re-

pair more than 18 miles of track. Mayor Thomas Koch, who is also the vice chair of the MBTA's board of directors, said the shutdown would be worth it in the end.

"It is a severe inconvenience for some people, but with the idea at the end of it that the trains are going to be more reliable, more efficient, you're going to save time commuting because the trains will be able to go to a certain speed that is far better than what it is today. In conjunction with the new cars continuing to be worked in, it's going to be almost like a new Red Line," Koch said. "If we didn't have that at the end of this, I wouldn't be so supportive, but yes, we are trading a few weeks inconvenience to get a very reliable system back."

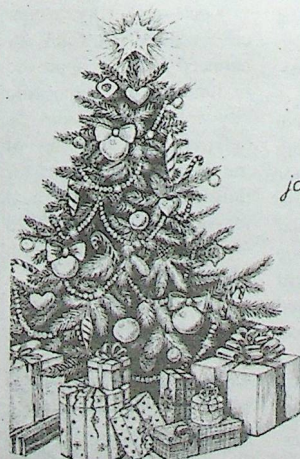
Ward 6 Councillor William Harris announced he would not be accepting a pay raise that was due to start on Jan. 1. Harris said that "refusing the money was an easy decision [and] having to present it in a way that did not insult the other members of the City Council weighed heavily on my mind."

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100 Residents Rally In Protest Over Mayor, Councillor Pay Raises

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Some 100 residents rallied outside City Hall to protest raises approved in June for the mayor and city councillors.

"We are not going away," said Joseph Murphy of A Just Quincy, the group behind the protest. "We are still here months later. We are still here before a meeting when it's not even on the agenda. We are putting them on notice that they are not getting a break from this."

In a 6-3 vote, city councillors passed a resolution calling on state lawmakers to amend Massachusetts' right-to-shelter law amid the migrant housing crisis. Introduced by Cain, the resolution urges the legislature to amend the right-to-shelter law to limit eligibility for state-supported emergency housing to individuals and families who have been residents of Massachusetts for the previous six months and are US citizens or lawful permanent residents.

A City Council resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza failed when no councillor made a motion to put the item up for a vote. Cain and Ward 2 Councillor Richard Ash put the resolution on the agenda for the meeting. Cain, the council president, said he neither wrote nor supported the resolution, but placed it on the agenda because he believes in free speech and in democracy. Ash said he co-sponsored the resolution because a number of his constituents had reached out to him about the matter.

Koch and Ward 5 Councillor Daniel Minton submitted an ordinance to establish a new overlay zoning district for housing for people ages 55 and up on the campus of Eastern Nazarene College in Wollaston. The

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school had announced plans to close earlier in the year.

Hundreds gathered on a near-perfect afternoon to attend the 14th annual Houghs Neck ChowdaFest. Meredith Earnest, who cooked up a shrimp chowder, was awarded first place in the individual competition. Milton's Abby Park was crowned the champion in the restaurant competition.

Nearly 100 first responders, residents and elected officials came together outside Quincy Fire Department headquarters for a solemn ceremony on the 23rd anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"Thank you all very much for being with us this morning as we gather once again to remember the sacrifices made and the courage shown by so many Americans on this day 23 years ago," said Fire Chief Joseph Jackson.

The School Committee in a 5-2 vote approved changes to its open forum policy that will reduce each speaker's allotted time by one minute and stop the reading of emailed comments during meetings. Ten residents had spoken out against the change that same evening, two in-person and eight in emailed comments that were read into the record.

Supt. Kevin Mulvey said school administrators working with the company contracted to provide bus service in the city to correct issues that arose at the start of the school year. Quincy had to contract out seven large bus routes due to a shortage of bus drivers; Mulvey said school districts across the country were facing a shortage of bus drivers.

The city of Quincy, with the MBTA's support, was awarded a \$4.2 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration to modernize the ferry pier at Squantum Point Park. Sen. John Keenan called the grant "a big deal."

"This is something we have struggled with for a long time, because a pier is very expensive, the city doesn't have the resources necessarily to do it," he said. Having this money to design this pier and build this pier...is just a huge step forward."

Alexandra Elliott was named the new executive director of the Quincy Historical Society. She joined the organization's staff in 2017 and held the position of curator since 2019. Dr. Edward Fitzgerald, the longtime executive director, assumed the title of director emeritus.

Marie D'Olimpio, The Quincy Sun's longtime food columnist, died at the age of 99, just weeks short of her 100th birthday. She had also covered license board meetings for The Sun and previously was a correspondent for The Patriot Ledger.

"She especially loved her food column in The Quincy Sun and was very proud that I was doing it along with her," said her daughter, Suzanne Falco. "We would often chat about what we would be writing about and she loved using recipes from her children and grandchildren. She adored all the staff at the 'Sun' and even when she could no longer type the recipes out she had her niece assist her until the very last day."

OCTOBER

The Quincy Fire Department was in the process of training a new 25-member dive team that will have the capability to perform underwater rescue once it is up and running. The department had obtained a \$300,000 federal grant to pay for equipment and certifications for the divers.

"This is the first dive team. It's been something that's been talked about for years, but never came into fruition," said Deputy Chief Tim Burchill. "A group of us got together almost two years ago now, started bringing up the subject again. We had a spring and a summer where we had a lot of the drownings in the area. We started with a res-



SOME 100 RESIDENTS - some holding hand-made signs with messages such as "Seniors Need Help - No Pay Raise, No Tax Increase" and "Repeal The Raises" rallied outside City Hall before the Sept. 9th City Council meeting to protest raises approved in June for the mayor and city councillors

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

cue swimmer type course that we gave everybody in the department, which then brought itself into this dive team."

City councillors approved a \$1.8 million bond for preliminary work on the new Squantum Elementary School. Public Buildings Commissioner Paul Hines said the money would help set the stage for the installation of modular classrooms in the summer of 2025.

Councillors also approved rezoning the MBTA bus yard at 954 Hancock St. to open space. Chris Walker, the chief of staff to Mayor Thomas Koch, said the city was looking at the potential of putting a fieldhouse or similar indoor recreational facility on site once the T vacates it in 2027.

Supt. Kevin Mulvey reported the Oct. 1 enrollment in the Quincy Public Schools was 9,977 students, 47 students more than were enrolled on the same date in 2023 and the highest Oct. 1 enrollment figure in the last decade. An additional 42 students had completed registration between Oct. 1 and Oct. 9 and another 40 students had registrations pending, Mulvey said, and the enrollment was projected to reach 10,050 students by the end of the month.

Koch and City Council President Ian Cain announced raises approved in June for the mayor and city councillors would be deferred until the start of the new electoral terms for those positions. The next mayoral term begins in 2028 and the next council term starts in 2026.

"There's a lot of important work ahead, and we don't need distractions," Koch said. "I love this job, I love Quincy, and I'm committed to making sure we



MARIE D'OLIMPIO, The Quincy Sun's longtime food columnist and former newspaper reporter, passed away Sept. 29 at the age of 99 - just weeks short of her 100th birthday. Before she passed, Marie became a great-great grandmother. This photo shows five generations of Marie's family. Seated from left to right Ann Marie Horrigan (great grandmother) holding baby and fifth generation Louise Marie Sullivan; and Marie D'Olimpio (great-great grandmother). Standing (left) Aileen Sullivan (mother) and grandmother Stacey Farrell.

Courtesy Photo

stay on track for progress."

"We've listened to feedback from the community and, after careful consideration, we're making the prudent decision to defer these raises," Cain said.

A Just Quincy, the group of residents that rallied against the raises, welcomed the announcement.

"A Just Quincy has questions about the nuts and bolts of the raise deferment plan, but we're heartened that city leaders have taken this step to address residents' concerns," the group said. "We hope the deferment will give the city time to come up with a fair, transparent process to rescind and replace the raise ordinances. And no matter what, it shows that residents can create real change when

we work together."

Residents said they would like the city to consider reusing portions of the campus of Eastern Nazarene College during a public hearing on a proposed zoning overlay for the school, which is in the process of closing. More than a dozen residents spoke during the public hearing, several of whom said ENC's campus could provide a new home for Quincy College.

US Rep. Stephen Lynch joined local officials to announce Quincy had been awarded a \$6.18 million federal grant that will allow for the hiring of 16 new firefighters in the spring of 2025. They also touted a \$4.12 million federal ear-

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Happy Holidays

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Scholastic Launches Readers Literacy Program At Marshall School

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mark that will help pay for the cost of a new fire station to replace the current headquarters building on Quincy Avenue.

Three Quincy firefighters received promotions. Kevin O'Connor was promoted to the rank of deputy chief, Michael Kelly was promoted to captain and Christopher Barry was promoted to lieutenant.

Koch and the City Council proclaimed Oct. 17 "Priscilla Bonica Day" in the city of Quincy in memory of the late Quincy High School graduate and the legacy she left behind. A star student-athlete at Quincy High School, Bonica was diagnosed with brain cancer shortly after graduating from the school in 2021. She died in June 2023 at the age of 20.

"She's someone who will be sorely missed," Councilor Scott Campbell said. "In her short time, she really did have an impact on so many."

In an interview, Koch said his decision to defer a pay raise until after the next election was due in part to an investigation by the state ethics commission.

"I don't want to go down that road," the mayor said. "I've worked too hard and my reputation - I remember my father also telling me, you come into this world, you go out with nothing but your name - and I don't want to go down as the guy looking for all kinds of money and stuff."

"So, whatever potentially might have happened there, we just pulled the plug anyway."

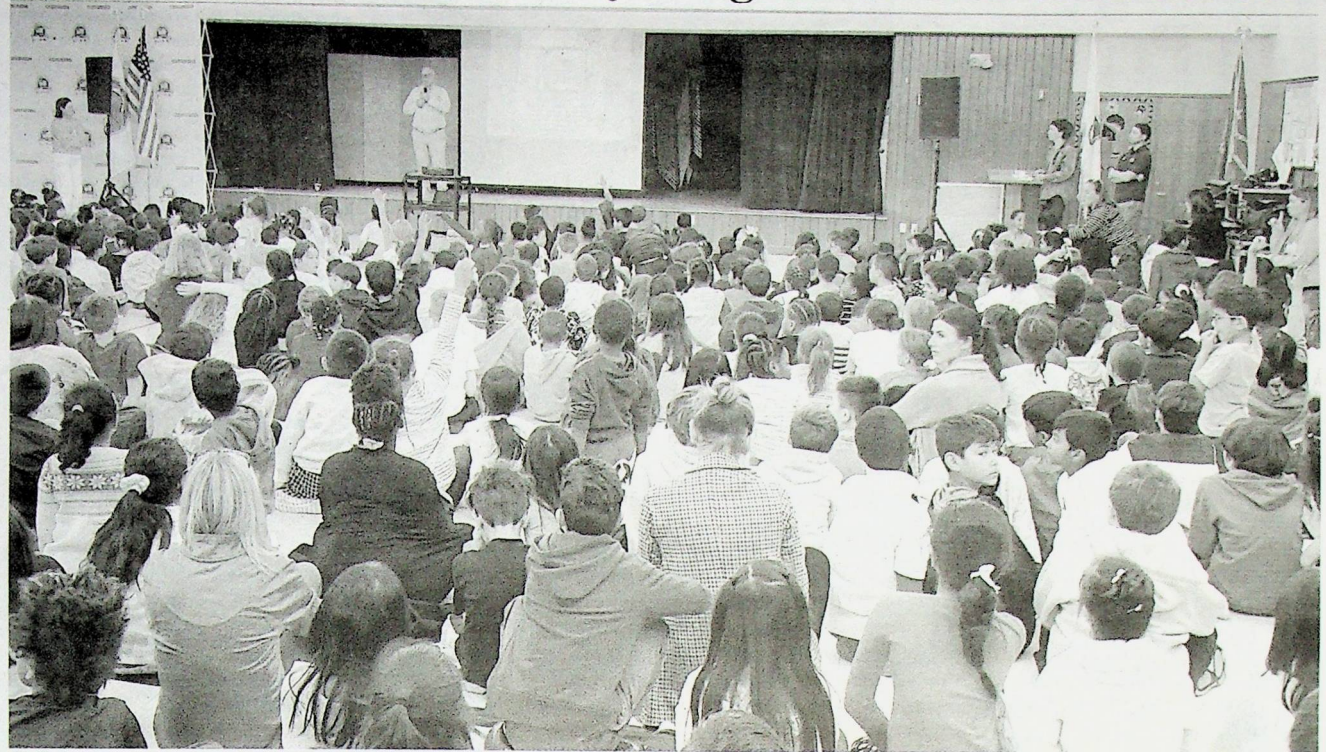
The life and legacy of John Adams were remembered on what would have been the second president's 289th birthday. United First Parish Church historian Bill Westland said Adams was always a popular figure in his hometown.

"John Adams, a lot of historians sort of thought he was unpopular, he was craggy, people didn't like him and so forth. That was not so far as this community was concerned," Westland said. "There was a really good relationship between John Adams and the people here in Quincy - or Brintree in those days."

NOVEMBER

The girls' volleyball teams at Quincy and North Quincy High Schools both qualified for postseason play. Quincy bested Wellesley in the first round of the Div. 1 tournament before bowing to Brookline in the second round. The Raiders bowed to Walpole in the first round of the Div. 2 tournament.

The girls' soccer team at North also qualified for



JERRY PALLOTTA, a Massachusetts native and award-winning author of the Scholastic book series *Who Would Win*, speaks to students at the Clifford Marshall Elementary School at the kick-off of the United States of Readers™ literacy program Oct. 17 at the school.

Photo Courtesy Old Mill Road Media

postseason play. The team bowed out to Dracut in the preliminary round of the Div. 2 tournament.

Democratic nominee Kamala Harris outpolled Republican Donald Trump 25,358-15,133 in Quincy and carried Massachusetts in the presidential election. Trump, however, won both the electoral and popular vote, winning every swing state, and is due to be sworn in as the nation's 47th president on Jan. 20.

US Sen. Elizabeth Warren, US Rep. Stephen Lynch and state Rep. Tackey Chan all prevailed over their Republican counterparts in the election to win new term. In addition, Quincy voters joined their peers statewide in approving Questions 1, 2 and 3 and rejecting Questions 4 and 5.

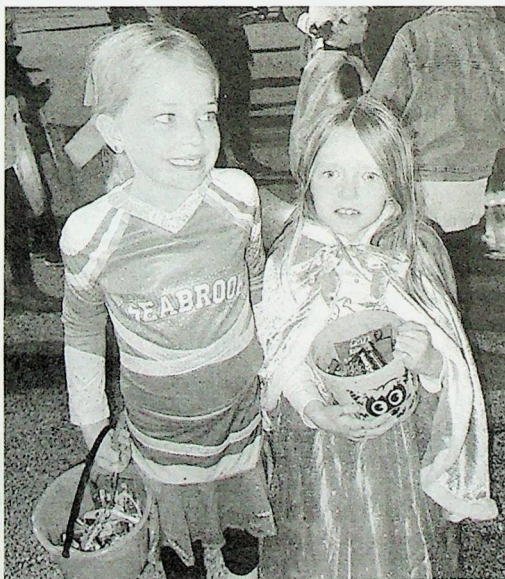
The overall turnout in the election in Quincy was 62.98 percent, with 42,238 of the city's 67,159 registered voters casting ballots.

Hundreds came together at Mount Wollaston Cemetery as the city dedicated a new monument honoring veterans of the Gulf War, the War in Iraq, the War in Iraq and the Global War on Terror. The granite monument features a bronze inset with a soldier and marine holding an American flag on one side and the names of seven service members from Quincy who died during recent conflicts - Sgt. Charles T. Caldwell, US Army National Guard; Capt. Jack Salenius, US Army; Airman Dennis C. Thomson, US Air Force; Cpl. Ciara M. Durkin, US Army National Guard; Lt. Christopher E. Smeglin, US Navy; Spc. Donny Nguyen, US Army; and Sgt. MacDouglas Deegan, US Army - on the other.



THE QUINCY FIRE Department established a new 25-member Dive Rescue Unit and was training to perform underwater rescues. Here dive team members train on the open water. Divers are being trained to respond to a number of situations, including missing swimmers, automobiles underwater and capsized boats.

Photo Courtesy Quincy Fire Department

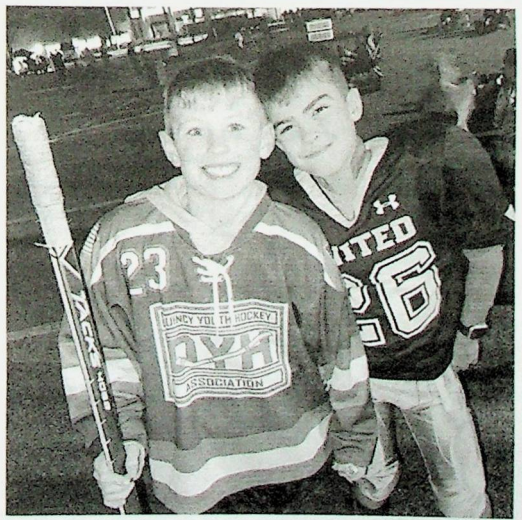


GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS hosted its third annual "Not Too Spooky" Trunk-or-Treat event Oct. 16, in partnership with Quincy After School Childcare (QCARE), a nonprofit organization that provides licensed care for children in kindergarten through age thirteen across Quincy elementary schools. The event attracted over 600 attendees, who enjoyed trick-or-treating at creatively decorated cars, along with complimentary fare from local food trucks and a family movie screened on Granite's two-story outdoor movie projector.

"Every generation has its heroes, and this generation is no different, and you're all the heroes of this generation and will carry that legacy forward," said retired Army Gen. James McConville. "When you think about it, one percent of Americans serve in our military, and you're a part of that one percent. You all did your job extremely well and you all made a difference for our nation and the world."

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GOLD STAR FAMILIES pause and admire the new monument dedicated to Quincy veterans who served in wars in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Global War on Terror after they help unveil the monument at Mount Wollaston Cemetery Nov. 9. The monument is inscribed with the names of seven Quincy residents who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of their country during those conflicts. They are: Charles T. Caldwell, Sergeant, U.S. Army National Guard; Jack Salenius, Captain, U.S. Army; Dennis C. Thomson, Airman, U.S. Air Force; Ciara M. Durkin, Corporal, U.S. Army National Guard; Christopher E. Smeglin, Lieutenant, U.S. Navy; Donny Nguyen, Specialist, U.S. Army; and MacDouglas J. Deegan, Sergeant, U.S. Army. *Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth*

\$41.5M For Infrastructure Work **2024 The Year In Review**

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and your service mattered."

The keynote speaker at Quincy's annual Veterans Day observance, retired Army Special Forces officer James A. Croall, emphasized the importance of patriotic culture and the value of veterans' stories.

"Veterans Day is an important holiday," Croall said. "It honors all who served our country in the armed forces. We thank them and we thank their families for their service and their sacrifice," he said. "We thank their families because when a soldier goes away, gets deployed, the family is left with a huge burden to take care of the things that normally take place in the house."

City councillors approved \$41.5 million for infrastructure work. The money was to go toward work on the city's sewers, roads and sidewalks; maintenance of two of its water towers; and upgrades at several intersections, including Washington Street at Southern Artery and Hancock Street at Furnace Brook Parkway.

Mayor Thomas Koch put forward a request to borrow \$108.71 million for con-

struction of the new Squantum Elementary School. The MSBA was expected to reimburse the city for about \$38 million of those costs. The city hoped to begin work on the building next summer and open the new facility in the fall of 2027.

The mayor also introduced a home rule petition to allow the city to execute a 50-year lease extension with the operators of Granite Links. Kevin Mason, the COO of Marina Bay Management, said the extension would allow the developer to add new amenities on site, including a 110-room hotel.

"Granite Links has reached its operation capacity, so any continued economic development requires a significant investment and long-term financing," he said.

The Planning Board gave its approval to The Grossman Companies' proposal to build a mixed-use development at 56-74 and 126 Granite St. in Quincy Center that would include 256 residential units and 54,000 square feet of retail and office space. The project was altered since it was originally presented to the board

in June; the amount of commercial space was reduced by 9,000 square feet and 20 more parking spaces were added, bringing the number of spaces to 517. The project requires approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals as well.

Marina Bay Management, led by Peter O'Connell, pitched revised plans for a four-story, nine-unit condominium building on the corner of Franklin Street and Independence Avenue. The proposal got a mixed response from the public and members of the Planning Board.

North Quincy bested Quincy, 43-41, in a come-from-behind victory in the annual Thanksgiving Day football game between the two schools. The Presidents had taken the lead, 35-27, with 52 seconds left in the fourth quarter on a 45-yard by Leo Steinberg and a Steinberg run for the two-point conversion. The Raiders tied it up as time expired in regulation thanks to a 38-yard Hail Mary pass from Mikey Galligan to Tyler Cromwell — which was featured as the top play of the day on SportsCenter — fol-



'CAPTAIN COMEBACK': As a steady rain falls, North Quincy senior quarterback Mikey Galligan crosses the goal line for a two-point conversion in overtime that lifted the Raiders to a stunning 43-41 win over the Quincy Presidents in the 92nd annual city football championship at Veterans' Memorial Stadium on Thanksgiving Day. Galligan rushed for a touchdown and also threw for three other TDs including a 38-yard 'Hail Mary' to senior wide receiver Tyler Cromwell as time expired in regulation that set the stage for the dramatic overtime win.

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COMBINED QUINCY-NORTH QUINCY high school marching band was judged the overall winner in the band contest at the 71st annual Quincy Christmas Parade Dec. 1. Here the group marches down Hancock Street in Quincy Center. *Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth*

Median Residential Property Tax Bill Rising \$320 To \$7,264

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followed by a Galligan run for the two-point conversion.

In overtime, Steinberg scored on 25-yard touch-down run to put the Presidents up by six points, but the Raiders were able to stop the two-point attempt. On North's ensuing possession, Galligan scored on a ten-yard bootleg run and converted the two-point attempt on a run up the middle to win the game for the Raiders.

"You're only as good as your last Turkey Day and you know what, we're going to savor this one," said Raiders coach Ryan Craig. "Our kids really earned it."

DECEMBER

City councillors approved a series of measures, all introduced by Mayor Thomas Koch, to help set the property tax rates for 2025. The residential rate was set to rise to \$11.53 and the commercial rate to \$23.01 per \$1,000 of assessed value, up from \$11.27 and \$22.45, respectively. The tax bill for the median single-family home in the city, the value of which rose by \$13,900 to \$630,100, was set to increase by \$320.41 to \$7,264.98.

City councillors presented a commendation to Uncle Sam Rounseville, who celebrated his 85th birthday in November, in recognition of contributions to the community.

"Quincy is truly a better place because of him," Ward 2 Councillor Richard Ash said. "Happy 85th Birthday to Quincy's favorite uncle, Uncle Sam."

Firefighter Paul Cunniff was promoted to the rank

of lieutenant. He had originally joined the department in February 2017.

One week after a public hearing at 50 which people spoke – half in favor and half opposed – city councillors approved a home rule petition that would enable the city and operators of Granite Links, Quarry Hills Associates, to enter into a 50-year lease extension. Several changes had been made to the lease extension since it was introduced in November. Those changes include the removal of a provision that would have given QHA the option to purchase a 12-acre parcel of land, and alterations to the composition of the proposed Quarry Hills Advisory Committee to provide additional seats for residents and a representative of Quincy Quarry and Granite Workers Museum.

"This is not something we just put on tonight. It's not something we just put on a couple months ago. We've been deliberating about this since Sept. 8, 2022," said Councillor Noel DiBona. "Since Nov. 18, we've had a lot of amendments, a lot of refining provisions of this lease that will help give us the proper oversight moving forward. I think that's the most important thing, it's to have City Council oversight, and this advisory committee will help do that."

The home rule petition still requires approval from state lawmakers.

Councillors also approved a \$108.71 million bond for the construction of the new Squantum Elementary School. The city plans to begin work on the building in 2025 and open the new facility in the fall of



QUINCY VETERANS SERVICES Director Christine Cugini welcomes the gathering to the 7th annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at Mount Wollaston Cemetery Dec. 14. More coverage of Wreaths Across America will appear in the Jan. 2nd issue of *The Quincy Sun*. *Quincy Sun photo/Tom Gorman*

2027.

Francis X. Bellotti, a former lieutenant governor and attorney general of Massachusetts, died at the age of 101. During World War II, Mr. Bellotti had served with the Scouts and Raiders, the predecessor of the Navy SEALs, and he was among those honored in August at the dedication of the Navy

Park at Squantum.

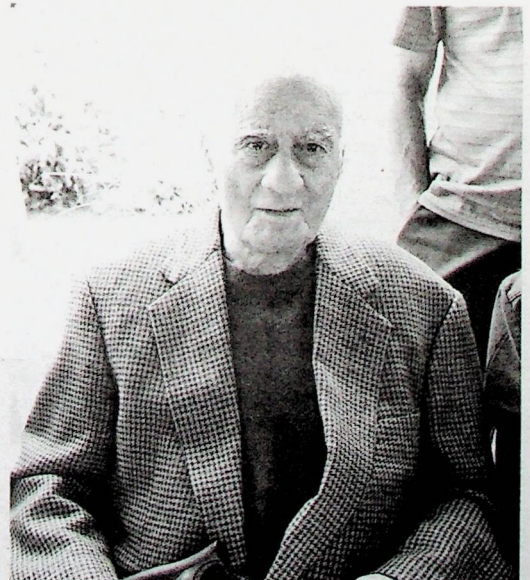
"My dad was my North Star and supported me always, as he did all his kids," said Michael Bellotti, the treasurer of Norfolk County. "I'll miss our talks about his rich political history dating back to the '60s and we will forever hold dear over 50 years of Sunday dinners we shared."

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FRANCIS X. BELLOTTI at the dedication of the Lone Sailor Statue in August, 2024. Mr. Bellotti was among the Navy veterans honored at the new park located at Marina Bay. Mr. Bellotti, who served the Commonwealth as a lieutenant governor and attorney general, died Dec. 17. He was 101.

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In Memoriam - 2024

The following community members passed away in 2024 and had their obituaries featured in The Quincy Sun. The obituaries were submitted for publication by the funeral homes.

JANUARY

Celia M. Ridge, 94, nutrition specialist, Boston University; William J. Donlan, 74, Army veteran; Nancy A. Faenza, 96, restaurant hostess; Josephine M. Vignoni, 96, owner, Messina Flower Shop; Peter Schuerch, 90, teacher; Richard D. Caruso, 79, owner, Gray Gables Market; Irene C. Awed, 94, nursing home administrator; Louise E. Kilnapp, 93, insurance writer; Ruth M. Lenehan, 88, subcontractor, NASA; Annmarie O'Toole; Mary E. Molloy, 88, teacher; Magda Marcelin, 56, cook, Roche Brothers; Ricky A. Davis, 60; Donald Byrd, MIT employee; James Gallagher, master flooring mechanic;

Susan E. Strazzulla, 96, telephone company employee; Ann-Marie Amendolare, 85, teacher; Annie I. MacLeod, 89, secretary, Corcoran Management Company; John O. Fonseca Jr., 74; Paul L. Lynch, 73, co-owner, The Quiet Man Pub; Helen T. Berg, 94, telephone operator; Barbara Keith, 94, preschool director, First Baptist Church, Duxbury; Jean C. Maver, 94, teacher's aide, Quincy Public Schools; Ursula Svizzera, 92; David F. DeCristofaro, 67, owner, DFARO Enterprises; Paula A. Damigella, 81, social worker; Josephine M. Hidalgo, 87, administrative assistant; Joseph J. Lyons, 84, Army veteran.

Richard F. McDermott, 89, Braintree harbormaster; Paul S. Gaudiano, 64, Air Force veteran; Allie S. Hassan Sr., Army veteran; Pauline L. Verney, 98, telephone operator, New England Telephone Company; Michael E. D'Andrea, Army veteran; Joanne M. Santos, 62; Sandra Buckley, 84, director, The Squantum Community Center; Linda M. Thompson, 87, Stop & Shop employee; Elizabeth L. Gullage, administrative assistant, YMCA; Linda M. Picard, 73, State House aide; Vincent M. DiMattio, 87, department chair, Monmouth University.

FEBRUARY

Marie A. McDonough, 85, switchboard operator, Blue Cross Blue Shield; Jean A. Athas, 75, teacher, St. Agatha School; James M. Evans, 68, member, Blue Hills Hiking Club; David C. Savage, 51, Navy veteran; Sandra M. Ahola, vice president of sales, Marine Stewardship Council; Louis P. Malvesti, 100, lieutenant, Quincy Fire Depart-

ment; Ronald F. Neary, Stop & Shop employee; John T. LaBelle Sr., 87, Army veteran; Charles L. Guthrie, 78, commuter rail employee; Margaret C. Burke, 79, homemaker; Timothy J. Lynch Jr., 69, computer psychologist.

Richard C. Comeau, 86, Boston Globe employee; Louis E. DiDonatis, 97, Quincy City Hospital employee; Leonard F. Zizzo, 90, certified nurse's aide; Sabatino A. Pasquale, 67, Marine Corps veteran; Leslie Jose Ayson David, 60, Brewster EMT; Mark A. Driscoll, 43, chef; Alba Tocchi, 103, co-founder, South Quincy Italian Festival; Barbara A. Guarente, 101, clerk, Mintz Levin; Marie C. Roy, 98, Zayre's employee.

George G. Burke, 91, Norfolk County district attorney; Robert J. Kelly Sr., 96, attorney; Marylou Meighan, 78, Boston Globe employee; Angelo Ciruolo, 97, laborer, Local 133; Jeanne M. Warner, 73, federal HR specialist; Kathryn Norton; Margaret M. Harter, 73; Gail M. Walter, 71, medical secretary; Lisa Bonatti Rymut, 65, Fidelity Investments employee; Annette J. Lyons, 94, registered nurse, Quincy City Hospital; Judith L. Badger, 84, cake and dress designer; John J. Evans Jr., 81, captain, Boston Fire Department.

Janis E. Burton, 93, deacons chairperson, First Baptist Church of Wollaston; Mary J. Doherty, Polaroid employee; Janice M. Kussman, 84, Manet Community Health Center employee; Mark A. Azar, 62, Ever-source employee, Jeannette Mattie, 85, vice president of human resources, CitiGroup; Peter T. Igoe, 81, owner, Peter's Pub; Patricia M. DiTullio, 84, controller, Atlantic Appliance Parts; Anne Marie Patten, 87, medical secretary, Carney Hospital; Ferdinand F. Poluzzi, 95, Korean War veteran; Bonnie J. Ray, three-time Christmas Parade theme contest winner; Christopher Brooks, 55.

MARCH

Iris J. Perry, 96, accounting manager, Verizon; James A. Bernardi, 68, realtor; John T. Willis, 57; Ralph E. Frazier, 84, athletic director, Silver Lake Regional School District; Rosalie A. Tuggle, 81, Blue Cross Blue Shield employee; Patricia Wollenhaupt Walsh, 75, Boston Globe employee; Betty F. Snaith, 98; homemaker; Mary V. Nourse, 80, licensed practical nurse; Sheila A. Roche, operator, Notes & Quotes; Robert W. Bolster, Korean War veteran; Patricia M. Shaw, 92, waitress, Wool-

worth's; Joann B. DePalma, 87, Green Harbor Yacht Club member.

Muriel L. Wood, Eastern Displays employee; Josephine Buglisi, 84, assembler, Grass Instrument Company; James J. Smith III, 58, printing pressman; Richard E. Miller, 77, Vietnam War veteran; William J. Tobin Jr., 79, Air Force veteran; Marie R. Hart, 92, homemaker; Patricia A. Miceli, 90; Nancy S. Hanna, 79, sheet metal production employee; Joseph P. Sands, USPS letter carrier; Nancy K. Muenchow, 75, medical technologist; Antoinette M. Magee, 74, nurse; Arthur W. Tucker, 75, Vietnam veteran; Richard E. Buehler, 83, owner, Quincy Lumber and Supply.

Margaret Moore Walker, 81, English teacher, North Quincy High School; Margaret A. Leaman, 87, Quincy City Hospital secretary; Carolyn S. Benelli, 91, homemaker; Rosemarie Mahoney, 82, homemaker; Thomas F. LeVangie, 79, salesperson; Helen M. Slatery, 90, banking employee; Charles H. Tarbox IV, 66, restaurant employee; Gordon K. Stone, 68, truck driver, USPS; Steven P. Locke, 70, Vietnam War veteran; Ward C. Smith, 93, Army veteran; Lily C. Todd, Verizon employee; Gay Tapley Carbonneau, 95, Quincy Public Schools teacher; Julie R. DiSciaccia, 74, manager, Daley's Restaurant; Philip Burke, BFDS employee; William D. Delahunt, 82, former U.S. congressman.

APRIL

Teresa A. Cassidy, 63, certified nursing assistant; William J. Peters Sr., 87, veteran, Air National Guard; Paul J. Riordan, 90, Quincy police officer; Mildred L. MacDonald, 96, Eucharist minister, Good Shepherd Parish, Oak Bluffs; Eileen C. Kearney, 68, licensed practical nurse; Sheila L. Wojdakowski, 69, Mass. Rehabilitation Commission employee; Frederick D. Smith Sr., Korean War veteran; Genevieve M. Constatas, 89, Eucharist minister, St. Mary's Church.

Roberta A. Casey, 84, administrative assistant, Broadway Electric; Maureen E. Murphy, 92, teacher; Maryanne Fitzgerald Dailey; John S. Hirtle, 74, tractor trailer driver; Judith Sudak, 73, school driver; Kathryn R. Sweeney, 61, Vinfin employee; Daniel T. Wong, 75, systems officer, State Street; Lawrence A. Cavanaugh, 88, Korean War veteran; Lita M. Salvucci, Patriot Ledger employee; Perecles J. Haviaras, Army veteran; Robert G. Craig, 86, Army veteran; Paul J. Bandera, 62, salesman;

Arlene G. Doherty, USPS employee; Constance R. Burke, bookkeeper, Quincy District Court.

Robert W. Page Jr., 65, manager, Beau's Place; Eion L. Mahoney, 35, Marine Corps veteran; David G. Montani Sr., 95, US Navy Seabee; Ralph "Paul" Ormon Jr., 84, IUEC Local 4 member; Francesco Boncaldo, 91, co-owner, Designer Hair Company by South Shore Barber; Frederick W. Canniff, 87, Fore River Shipyard employee; Peter P. Mosillo, 100, Quincy police officer.

Paul J. Kodad, Air Force veteran; Stephen E. Fix, English professor, Williams College; Paul O'Neil, Coast Guard veteran; Margaret T. Murray, claims adjuster, Travelers Insurance; Ann M. Gerstel, 80, administrative assistant, New England Telephone; Anne L. Foster, 87, Quincy Public Schools teacher; Patricia A. Guglielmi; Barry E. Loiter, Boston University employee; Richard T. Murphy Jr., 83, Navy veteran; Lucinda Morrissey Ellard, 98, nurse, Quincy Public Schools; Betty Lou Priscella.

MAY

Maureen M. Hassan, restaurant employee; Donald V. Ross Jr., 60, USPS letter carrier; Brian C. Cooke, 66, cook; Carol A. Bottary, 85, artist; Marcello A. Peretti, 92, Korean War veteran; Robert J. Craig, Quincy firefighter; Marilyn P. Pierce, 89; John J. Ford, 70, coach, Quincy Point Panthers; Patricia M. Byrne, 80; Jeffery F. Dillon, 68, Boston Globe employee; Fernando Crisafulli, 81, hairdresser.

Nancy J. Mastico, 87, honorary member, Town River Yacht Club; Bernard J. Cross, 59; Francis W. Coyman, 86; Jean E. Golden; Rosalie E. Carter, 87; James M. Blake, 77, Vietnam War veteran; Dianne Cadogan, 70; Margaret T. Gulinello, 97, homemaker; Dr. Arthur C. Granville III, 81, Vietnam War veteran; Josephine T. Coyne, 92, unit secretary, St. Margaret's Hospital; Ellen R. Helfrich, 79, registered nurse; John N. Bagen, 93, deputy sheriff; Virginia Yee, 76, seamstress; Norma J. Staiti, 75, insurance agent; Hope E. Colon; Corrine Mikami, 66; Joyce James, Mass. Department of Public Health director.

Katherine Bowes, 66, director, Babe Ruth World Series; William L. Robinson Jr., Electroschwitch employee; Karen DiNardo, 71, hairdresser; Susan Giudici, 66, reservationist, Lenox Hotel; Catherine E. Riley, 87, clerk, Quincy City Hospital; Sharon J. McCarthy, 61; Thomas F. McGovern,

Boston firefighter; Robert B. Murphy, 97, World War II veteran; Carol F. Langille, 89, administrator, Stone and Webster.

John R. "Paul" Smyth Jr., 88, Korean War veteran; Geraldine M. Talbot, 75, assistant branch manager, Bank of America; Maureen E. Reilly; Theresa F. O'Donnell, 72, crossing guard; Paul R. Casey, 90, administrator, Brockton Public Schools; Mary Flaherty, volunteer, Interfaith Social Services; Dolores H. Concannon, accountant, State Street Bank; Robert R. Head, 80, Army National Guard veteran; Joanne M. Sheridan, 95, Quincy Public Schools teacher; Mary D. Lucier, 98, member, QCAP Board of Directors.

JUNE

Loreto Marini, 82, tailor; Allan E. Marcou, 86, manager, Codex; Edward J. Bouzan, 87; Cathal "Stumpy" Nolan, 59, Nolan Plumbing founder; John M. Spataro, 89; Ruth E. Doyle, hospital employee; Dimitri Ayoub, chef; Mathew M. Troy, 32, Boston firefighter; E. Mark Pierce, 50, stockroom manager, Walmart; William Chiasson Jr., 31; Barbara A. Manning, 62, ER nurse, Tufts New England Medical Center; Lawrence J. Callahan, 88, math teacher, Hull High School; Barbara S. Renken, 95, paralegal, Bond & Nickerson.

Gjergj Gjura, 75, professor emeritus of computer science, Quincy College; JoAnn L. Burke, 77; AA volunteer; Antonio Iacovangelo, 92, member, Laborers Local 133; Dorothy T. Kochankowski, 81, account specialist, Federated Investments; Jennifer L. Kaplan, 54, South Shore Hospital employee; Linda M. Tabbi-Dunn, Department of Youth Services employee; Kenneth H. MacLean, 76, Vietnam War veteran; Murdock J. MacKenzie, 69; David T. Urquhart.

Marion L. Colclough, 89, secretary, Philip Bernstein company; John J. Whalen, 88, senior vice president, Marsh & McLennan; Anna M. Brady, 85; Yvonne M. Adukonis, 93, associate, Macy's; Jacqueline D. Alessandro, 94, administrative assistant, Duke Insurance Agency; Janet B. Loiselle, 87, owner, Family Daycare; James Green, 91, Olympic marathon alternate; John L. Cooper, 76, Vietnam War veteran; Daniel F. Chiachio, 73, Vietnam War veteran; Genevieve A. DeVasto, 78, freelance bookkeeper; Finley Mullally, owner, Infowire.

Jeanne F. Barry, 88, teacher's aide, Quincy Public Schools; Anne T. Dzengeleski, 67, teacher's

aide, St. Coletta's Day School; Carol A. Gormley, 64, genius admin, Apple; Charles F. Maher, 92, provost, American International College; Irene Zibell, 95, State House employee; Nan Marie Jones, 74, Mass. General Hospital employee; Charles W. Doherty, delivery foreman, Boston Herald; Thomas L. Collins Jr., 90, Army veteran; Edwin R. "Ted" Naser, 94, Air Force veteran; John H. Cummings Jr., 86, Bridgewater Camera owner; Leo A. Powers, Marine Corps veteran.

JULY

Lorricc Iavicoli, 91, teacher's aide, Quincy Public Schools; John J. "Jay" O'Neil Jr., 74, owner, University Glass Company; Thomas D. Hickey, 74, Quincy police officer; Kathleen Kubit, 69, banking employee; Susan E. Joyce, 70, prom queen, Quincy High School; Frances M. Shields, 75, administrative assistant, Sears, Roebuck & Co.; Frederick L. Mahoney Jr., 64, Sheet Metal Workers Local 17 member; Matthew P. Lynch, 36; Wendy E. Helfrich, 66; Richard P. Ryan, 64, chairman and CEO, Computer Corporation of America.

James M. Welch, IBEW Local 103 member; Deborah A. Phillipson, 63, legal secretary; Stanley G. Dingwell, 90, Korean War veteran; Shirley A. DiTullio, 93, St. Joseph's Church choir member; Kathleen A. Franco, 68, court officer; Michelle M. Garcia, 54, cosmetologist; Richard G. Ash, 60, Tunnel Workers Local 88 member; Sally Craig, 73, deacon, Fort Square Presbyterian Church; Patricia A. McEachern, 83, associate, Stop & Shop; Patricia J. Allan; Winifred Carroll, 77, IV team, Boston Children's Hospital; Jean R. Vitulano, 99, pharmacy technician, CVS.

Patricia M. Barry, 84, sales operations, Vallerie Transportation; Maureen A. Gibbons, 80, owner, Dailey Tax and Insurance Agency; Judith E. Farmer, 82, regional lending manager, Bank of Canton; Dorothy M. Buckley, 88, clerk, Quincy Trust; Gregory C. Cavicchi, 77, Vietnam War veteran; John Buckley Jr., 90, Korean War veteran; Paul F. Braman, 65, salesman; Mary Lou "Mal" Versage, 90, retail worker; Joyce M. O'Neill, 77; Dorothy E. Joyce, 87, supervisor, USPS.

John G. Kirk, 96, Korean War veteran; John E. Callahan Jr., 85, Army National Guard veteran; Russell E. Kelcourse; Armand A. Hamel Jr., 94, Navy veteran; Debra J. Barnes, 70; Mary T. McNally, 90, accounting supervisor, Jordan

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Marsh; Michael F. Boyle, 82, plumber; Diane J. Snow, 77, registered nurse; Elizabeth D. Maloney; Alanna Donovan; Pamela H. Sokol, 56, executive assistant.

AUGUST

Robert A. Licari, USPS employee; Moreno C. Lisboa, 83, nursing assistant; William Dullea, 77, president, Quincy Toastmasters; Mary V. Pierce, 68, hairdresser; Laura J. Doherty, driver, The Ride; Rose M. Hines, St. Margaret's Hospital employee; Judith Hallisey, 79, accounting employee; John C. Ryan, 68, Quincy police officer; David C. Purdy, 81, Vietnam War veteran; Ronald F. Dawson, 92, Korean War veteran; Urania 'Nitsa' Pino, 92, owner, Pilgrim Diner.

Leslie Satkevich, 73, NICU nurse, Boston City Hospital; Lawrence F. Fitzgerald, 76, sergeant, Brookline Police Department; Victoria T. Nord, 93, youth outreach, Archdiocese of Boston; June L. Moe, 96, inspector, Semline Inc.; Judith B. Kolson, 79, president, Manet Community Health Center; William J. Trifone, social studies teacher, Quincy Public Schools; Linda M. Starck, Copy Stop employee; Stephanie J. Tlasek, 44, caregiver; George T. McGuinness Jr., 56, floor installer.

Thomas J. Crowley, 85, captain, Boston Police Department; Bernard Elfman, 68, custodian, Polaroid; Robert L. Culver, 75, CEO, Mass Development; Carolann M. Speranzo, 70, president, Quincy Lions Club; Margaret M. O'Neill, 83, owner, Seaside Creations; Norma Baratelli, 95, registered nurse; Barbara A. Biagini, 94, CCD coordinator, St. Ann's Parish; Esther Madden, 93, teacher's aide,

Quincy Public Schools.

Paul P. O'Hara, 88, Teamsters member; Charles F. 'Bud' Flaherty Jr., 84, Navy veteran; Daniel E. Winter, 68, roadie; Paula E. Kahakalau, 78; Francis B. McNamara, 89, auto repair shop owner; Donna M. Brennon, 70, administrator, QCAP; Michael J. Doherty, Local 103 member; Barbara M. Collieran, 74, NSTAR employee; Kevin F. Vey, 69, electrician.

SEPTEMBER

Robert Congreve Knox, journalist, Plymouth Independent; Helen T. Fennelly, 74, City of Boston Credit Union employee; Linda McGee, 62, Eversource employee; Normand L. Magnan, 88, software designer and engineer; Marie T. O'Callaghan, 88; Armand R. Cinelli, 96, Korean War veteran; Linda M. Marshall, 86, Mass. State Democratic Committee member; Marianne Williams, 78, Mellon Bank employee; Albert A. Dell'Orfano Jr., 69, Air Force veteran.

Mark G. Mountain, Boston Public Schools custodian; Diana Dauti, 81, nurse; Leo J. DelVecchio, 86, master plumber; Karen P. Vallone, 60, nurse; Thomas F. Gorman Jr., 87, Quincy fire chief; John J. Bacon, 92, Navy veteran; Pamela Matteu, 77, assistant principal, North Quincy High School; Genevieve A. Bertoni, secretary, Quincy Junior College; Deborah A. Richards, 74, transporter, Carney Hospital; Dawn M. Jenkins, legal secretary; Robert J. Campbell, 83, Boston firefighter;

Peter B. Aiello, 66, entrepreneur; James J. Dillon Jr., 66, Alloy Fabricators employee; Barbara M. Laitinen; Dawn M. Connaughton, 69, accountant; Robert A. Pettinelli Jr., 65, Quincy firefighter; Vincent F. Picar-

di, 92, director of Chapter 1, Braintree Public Schools; Joan E. Coady, 83, assembler, Raytheon; Christopher E. Harding, 63, account manager, Avenu Insight and Analytics; Peggy A. King, 67, administrator, Stop & Shop; Regina J. 'Jean' Lindgren, 101, secretary, dental industry.

Marie J. D'Olimpio, 99, recipe columnist, The Quincy Sun; Patricia H. Cardarelli, 84, administrative nurse, Quincy High School; Edward J. Keenan; William J. Hamel, 82, Delta Airlines Cargo employee; Craig D. Allen; Kristen G. Scott, vice president, Natixis Global Asset Management; Timothy McCarthy, Local 67 member; Martin Connor, Korean War veteran; Joseph P. McDonough, 75, Marine Corps veteran.

OCTOBER

Jean T. Cristiani, school psychologist, Boston; Ronald E. Zooleck Sr., 86, executive director, South Shore Chamber of Commerce; Christine M. Serafini; John A. Nesti, 70, owner, Nesti Lock Service; Vincent E. Todd Jr., 87, member, Local 4; Evelyn Russell Hackett, 98, member, Red Hat Society; Antonio DiCicco, 92, cabinet maker; Michael J. Kenney, president, Quincy Tennis Club; Angela L. Carroll, 90, advertising, WHDH; Michael J. King, 54, finish carpenter; Joan E. Joseph, 87, healthcare worker, Jean Whalen, 65.

James F. Dempsey, labor relations manager, Raytheon; David 'Ace' Ventura, 58, automotive industry; Jacqueline Young, medical assistant, Atrius Health; Anita Kutasz, Randolph schoolteacher; Steven M. Grant; Susan E. Nurmi, 81, food service, Boston Financial Data Services; Carl Rodgers, 68, porter, Charles

River Park; Jasper P. Buono, 99, World War II veteran; Edward M. Landers, 67, plumber, Mass. General Hospital; Alice Faiella, 96, bookkeeper, Curtis Farms; Antionette Curran, 80, cheerleading coach, Quincy Point Panthers.

John V. Cummings, 86, captain, Quincy Fire Department; George M. Downing, Army veteran; Robert F. D'Amato, 81, mechanical engineer, Raytheon; Catherine Barrett, first grade teacher; Robert J. Tonello, 84, Navy veteran; Joyce E. Bowness, 85, home health aide; Catherine M. Lydon, 93, nursing assistant; Lydia E. Sandomato, 99, secretary, Broad Meadows Middle School; Francis T. 'Ted' Cooper Jr., 79, owner, T. Cooper General Contractor; A. Howard Smith Jr., 81, Marie Bettes, 81, ER nurse, Quincy City Hospital.

Paul F. Burke, Army veteran; James B. McGrath, 76, Army veteran; Androniqi I. Dindi, 87, health aide; Rosemary M. Reinhart, 76; Patrick H. Duffy, 85, mechanic, MBTA; Robert Radtke, 87; Barbara A. O'Malley, records department, Allstate Insurance; Jackie Glavin, 89; Adele M. Simmons, 6, nursing assistant, Allerton House; Joan M. Glennon, 95, banquet waitress; Veva Darrow, 92, customer service associate, Quincy Cooperative Bank; Carol Dunn, 88, bank employee; Donald P. Hayward, 81, construction superintendent; Elizabeth F. Bowes, insurance employee.

NOVEMBER

Patricia N. Burns, 56, homemaker; Ernestine A. Costa; Dianne Pratt, 80, licensed practical nurse, Quincy City Hospital; Helen Julian, 80, administrative assistant; Felipe T. Borromeo Jr., 90, accountant;

John R. Bita Jr., 78, mechanic, Coletta Bros. Auto Repair; Carol R. Bradley-Harris, 88, Bryan Post employee; Douglas W. Strong, 71, deli department, Stop & Shop; Joseph P. Sullivan, 88, banker, Shawmut Bank.

Frank K. Wong, 81, chairman, Wong Family Benevolent Association; Marilyn G. Tausevich, 80, grant coordinator, Mass Eye Research Institute; Beverly J. Stead, 83, RMV clerk; Mark A. M. Solander, 29, engineer, Akamai Technologies; Mary E. Damis, 87, Braintree teacher; Edward H. Cochrane Jr., 81, owner, Rags Tavern; Matthew K. Mormino, 41, State Trooper; Susan M. Ciarfella, 75, banking consultant. Patricia A. Cayon, 77, office manager, North American Security; Robert H. LaFavre, 86, auto repair teacher, Quincy Vo-Tech.

Jean M. Bradley, 90, secretary, Social Security Administration; Pauline M. Whelan, 65; Virginia M. 'Pinky' McBain, 100, restaurant hostess; Margaret M. Cafferty, State Street Bank employee; Craig Luciani, 71, auditor and inspector, Mass. Turnpike Authority; Anne D. Griffin; Joseph J. DiBona, 54, truck driver; Wai Hang Ng, tax preparer; Arlene M. Coan, 100; Louis M. Tower Jr., 94, Vietnam War veteran.

Pearl Frazier, 83, administrative assistant; Barbara A. Morrissey, 92, homemaker; Marshall J. Levy, teacher, Squantum School; Harjit I. Thakral, 78, nursing, Spaulding Rehabilitation; Mary T. Welch, Boston Edison employee; Helen M. Isaac, 91, assembler, Raytheon; Carmela Giubilo, member, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society; Kevin M. Bearde, 77, president, Jim Bearde and Sons.

Patrick E. O'Donnell, 86, Local 223 member; Mary M. Montminy, 102, bookkeeper; Mary K. Bailey; Ellen P. Lyons, insurance employee; Roberta Lewis, 92, realtor; David P. Ritchie, 78, merchant marine; Mark M. Wilson, 73, Korean War veteran; Robert B. Dunphy, 76, owner, Dublin Construction; Alfred 'Geno' Hurd Jr., 83, Army veteran; Jeanette Chiappetta, 80, Jehovah's Witness minister; Vincent Comunale, 85, manager, General Dynamics; Joan A. Bruce, 82, nurse, McLean Hospital; Joseph Chernicki, 64, lobsterman.

DECEMBER

George D. Jackson, 90, Korean War veteran; Arlene A. Pacino, 78, Quincy crossing guard; William D. Clasby, 59, trucking owner; Mary T. Barry, 72; Loretta D. Keenan, 90, CCD teacher, St. Ann's Parish; Richard A. Hawkes III, 71, glazier; Pauline A. Delorey, 90, assembler, Raytheon; Michael J. Martin, teacher; Earl F. Penwarden, 85; Betsy A. Smith, 83, homemaker; Donald R. Cook, 81, Marine Corps veteran; Nicholas C. Galante, 84, purchasing department, Instron.

John J. Kelly, 83, manager, Costello's Liquors; John P. Cicerone, 69, Boy Scout Troop 151; Robert M. Pasquale, 78, Army Reserve veteran; Briannah M. Newsom, 36; Francis X. Bellotti, 101, attorney general and lieutenant governor; Paul J. Murphy, 50, president, Mutual Aid Association; Donald Kane, electrician, Polaroid; Joan A. Carroll, State Lottery employee; Ann L. Barone, 84, account receivable clerk, Stop & Shop; Rafael Vazquez Diaz, 79, Vietnam War veteran; Mary Shurtluff, 92, bookkeeper; Robert W. Kamb, 94, field engineer, Boston Gas.

Legislature Approves Recovery Coaches, Sober Home Improvements

The Legislature passed an expansive substance use disorder bill Dec. 19, approving a long list of vital healthcare reforms and updates. Notably, the bill includes several policies championed by state Sen. John F. Keenan, including the licensing of recovery

coaches and improving insurance coverage for non-opioid pain management.

"Every legislator has heard countless stories from those affected deeply by substance use disorder. I believe this bill importantly and accurately reflects these experiences," said Sen.

Keenan. "I am particularly grateful for what this bill does regarding recovery coaches. These healthcare professionals have a proven track record of success in other states, but the lack of licensure here in Massachusetts became a barrier to their wide-spread implementation. Licensing will add a greatly needed treatment option while also creating a new employment opportunity in the healthcare sector for those in recovery."

Recovery coaches are healthcare specialists who have personally experienced addiction and recovery. They work individually with substance use disorder patients, providing a compassionate support system,

as well as helping them set and meet goals. Until now, the lack of professional licensure and oversight for this line of work has prevented many who wanted to pursue recovery coaching as a career path from doing so. Initially filed by Sen. Keenan as the stand-alone bill S1388, An Act relative to recovery coach licensure, this framework was included as an amendment to the substance use disorder bill. As a result, Massachusetts will now have the career pathway and professional standards needed to popularize the role of recovery coaches in the Commonwealth.

"Compassion and trust play such integral roles in the recovery process. Patients interacting with some-

one they can relate to and see as a positive role model has a hugely beneficial impact on their recovery process," said Sen. Keenan.

The substance use bill also includes an amendment from Sen. Keenan requiring the Commonwealth to research the financial barriers sober homes face in Massachusetts. Informed by his experiences in developing the state's certification program for sober homes and continuously advocating for their funding, Sen. Keenan drafted this amendment to ensure that the Commonwealth analyzes the financial barriers associated with these resources, which provide housing stability to patients looking to reestablish healthier daily living

habits. The amendment also distinguishes certified from non-certified sober homes, recognizing the higher standards of care certified homes have to meet.

Regarding health insurance coverage, the bill includes another amendment filed by Sen. Keenan that removes the prior authorization requirement for non-opioid pain management treatments, matching a bill he had filed earlier in the session. By removing this barrier in the coverage process, patients will have quicker access to treatments including acupuncture, chiropractic treatments, massage and movement therapies.

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13 Quincy Students On Saint Agatha School Honor Roll

Thirteen students from Quincy have been named to the Honor Roll at Saint Agatha School for the first trimester.

They are:

HONORS

Grade 5: Nolah Trivedi.
Grade 6: Ania Babo, Mary Leuchte, Stivi Hy-

senaj and Chloe Yang.

Grade 7: Mateo Kasimati and Victoria Veneto.

HIGH HONORS

Grade 6: James Schrage, Andrew Kaul and Jin Le.

Grade 7: Ema Leno and Hayden Ho.

Grade 8: Amsale Tewodros.



UNCLE SAM ROUNSEVILLE and his wife, Jean Kenney, their family and Mayor Tom Koch. Front row, from left, granddaughters Coco and Bree Rounseville, Koch. Second row, Jean Kenney, daughter-in-law Ann Rounseville, Uncle Sam and son John Rounseville.



UNCLE SAM and Jean Kenney with her son Al Kenney, daughter Lisa Ryan, Jean and Sam, granddaughter Tricia Ryan and son-in-law Patrick Ryan.

Photos Courtesy Kevin Delue, Fox Photography



STATE REP. Bruce Ayers, left, with Uncle Sam and Rep. Tackey Chan.



FROM LEFT, Ward 1 City Councillor Dave McCarthy, Uncle Sam, Mayor Tom Koch and Norfolk County Treasurer Mike Bellotti.



UNCLE SAM with Sean Glennon, president of the Quincy Lions Club.

Uncle Sam Rounseville, Friends Raise \$9,200 For Lions Club

Ninety friends and relatives of Uncle Sam Rounseville attended his sixth birthday celebration and fundraiser. This year's charitable celebration held Nov. 17 at the Tirrell Room benefitted the Quincy Lions Club.

Rounseville has hosted the parties every five years since turning 60 in 1999. In place of gifts, he asked for donations to the charity cho-



UNCLE SAM ROUNSEVILLE and his wife, Jean Kenney.

sen by Uncle Sam for that raised \$9,200, bringing the year's event. This year he total to charities of \$58,000.

Among those paying tribute to the celebrated real estate agent and "Cheerleader for America" were Mayor Tom Koch, Sen. John Keenan, Reps. Tackey Chan and Bruce Ayers, Councillor David McCarthy, Norfolk County Treasurer Michael Bellotti and District Attorney Michael Morrissey.

His longtime friend Tom Corcoran of Braintree served as emcee.

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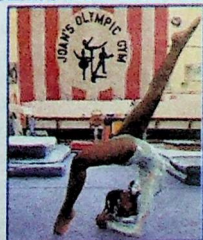
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Plants Celebrate Change Of Seasons

By MELINDA MYERS

The winter solstice marks the Northern Hemisphere's first day of winter and the day with the fewest hours of sunlight. It usually occurs around Dec. 21st, like this year, and has been celebrated worldwide since ancient times. A variety of plants have been used to celebrate this change of seasons.

The Yule log may be the most well-known plant-related tradition. An entire tree or the largest available log was burned during the twelve days of Yule beginning on the winter solstice.

Pine logs symbolizing prosperity were often used, but oak was also used for strength and wisdom, and poplar for understanding. Pieces of the yule log were collected and saved to start next year's fire, and the ashes were often sprinkled around the house to protect it from evil spirits.

The Saxons and Celts

often used the entire trunk of an oak tree representing strength, protection, and endurance, for their winter solstice bonfires. They kept it burning for 12 hours on the eve of the solstice. If the fire stayed lit during this period, they believed the household would be protected and have an abundant harvest and good health.

Yews symbolizing death and the last day of the solar year, as well as the silver fir, symbolizing winter solstice and rebirth, and the birch representing new beginnings were also part of solstice celebrations of the past.

Several cultures believed evergreens symbolized immortality, protection, and future prosperity. They made wreaths and decorated their homes with boughs of fir, cedar, and pine. Small gifts for the gods of the sun, earth, and harvest were hung in pine trees. Some believe

this evolved into the tradition of decorating evergreen trees for Christmas.

As you welcome the lengthening of daylight, you may contemplate the old proverb "As the days lengthen, the cold strengthens." Many places in the Northern Hemisphere experience the coldest average temperatures in January and February even though the days are getting longer.

There is science behind this proverb. Despite the lengthening amount of daylight, the earth is losing more heat than it gains resulting in the colder temperatures occurring after the winter solstice. The ground, large bodies of water and other objects slowly warm throughout the summer and slowly lose this heat as the days shorten. The release of this stored heat continues after the winter solstice delaying the onset of the coldest winter temperatures.

Although the days begin to lengthen, the earth's angle to the sun and relatively long dark periods result in less heat gain and more heat loss during this time.

This temperature lag is often longer in areas near large bodies of water like the Great Lakes and oceans. So, your proximity to these prevailing winds and snow cover also impacts winter temperatures.

Although the temperatures may drop, enjoy the longer days with a walk in the woods, at a nearby park, or through your neighborhood.

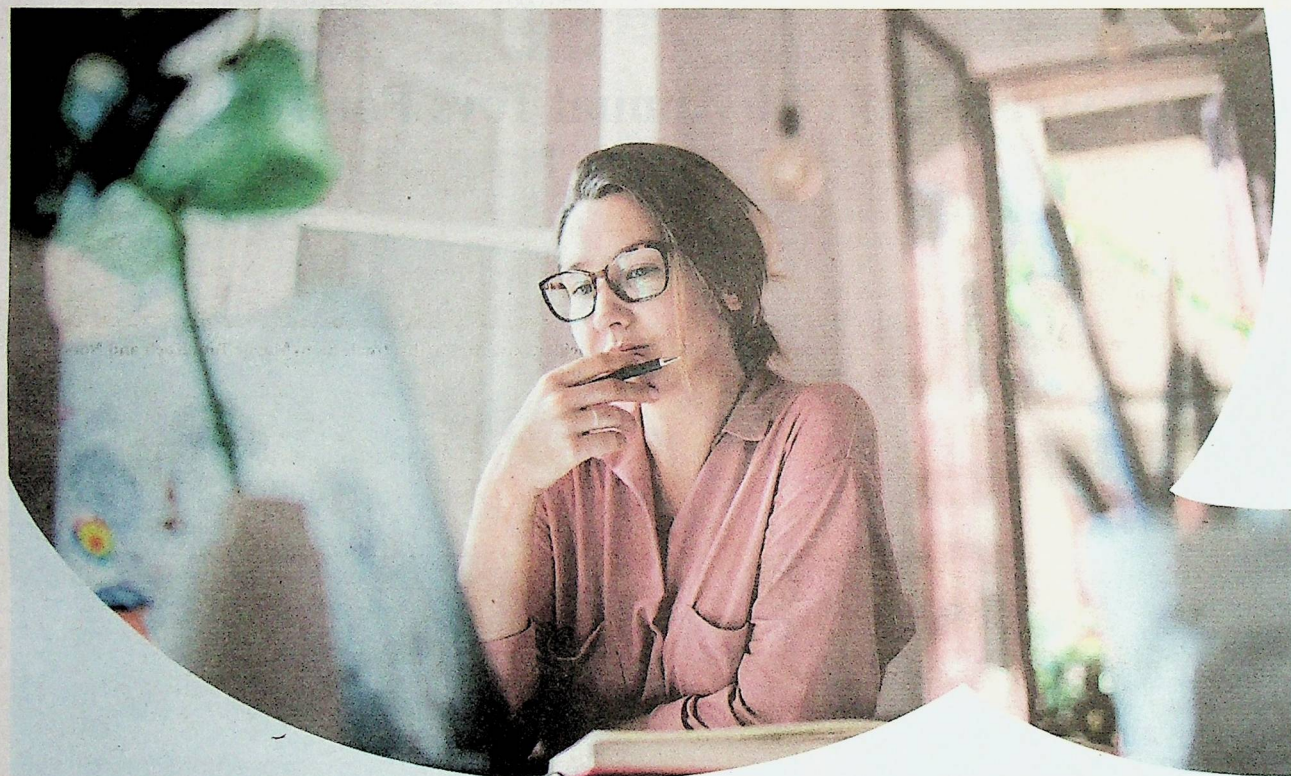
Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books and hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program.

Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



SOME CULTURES believed evergreens symbolized immortality, protection, and future prosperity which resulted in decorating their homes with boughs of fir and wreaths.

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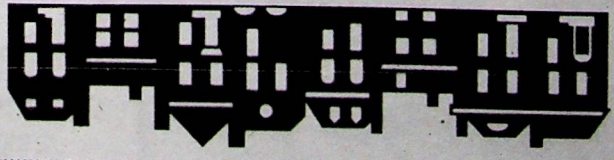
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Maryann Vertia, Robert E. McCarthy,	Maria Baze	\$741,000	47 Merrymount Road
John R. McCarthy III, Karen A. McCarthy,	Soo L. Phung & Jimmy D. Phung	\$975,000	110 Dixwell Avenue
Daniel M. McCarthy & Margaret M. McCarthy	Peter Tietzo	\$395,000	200 Cove Way, Unit 305-11
Mark Albrecht & Mary Albrecht	A-Four Properties LLC	\$800,500	70 Dale Avenue
Kimberly A. Berglund & Kim M. McCarthy	Steven M. Gamble & Lillian Boudreau	\$370,296	26 Gay Street
Matthew Owens & Naomi Owens	James J. Reynolds & Linda Reynolds	\$699,000	63-65 Lenox Street
Dieu T. Vo	Wendi Jiang	\$608,000	973 Furnace Brook Parkway
Michael J. Davis	Joseph Carinci & Lindsay Carinci	\$600,000	19 Martensen Street
Barbara M. Lee	John Z. Chen & Mei Y. Chen	\$1,425,000	20 Whitney Road
Christina Carey	John Z. Chen & Mei Y. Chen	\$916,000	91-93 Pleasant Street
Louis Carinci & Francis Carinci as Trustees of the	Hongcheng Mao & Hongshun Mao	\$625,000	189 Phipps Street
Carinci Irrevocable Trust	South Street Assesst LLC	\$800,000	506 South Street
Carinci Irrevocable Trust	DRLF Enterprises LLC	\$420,000	2 Sea Avenue
Lalia Maalout	Wenguang Zou	\$560,000	54 Kidder Street
Lan P. Mach	Wen Z. Chen & Yonghui Lin	\$890,000	6 Bromfield Street
Hillary V. Havenner	Gemma J. Carter & Alec J. Demello	\$690,000	2 Shawmut Place
David G. O'Connell, Jr.			
Veva Darrow-Johnson			
Oiga C. Garcia & Yon M. Pulgarin			
Bromfield Property LLC			
Andrew J. McAllister & Kristen McAllister			

Collects More Than 150 Gifts This Year

Norfolk County Registry of Deeds William P. O'Donnell and Registry staff distributed donations from the Registry's 17th Annual Toys for Tots Drive to U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in their annual toy drive, which helps make the holiday brighter for so many.

Since 2007, the Registry of Deeds has collected over 1,850 donations for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

"We can't possibly do this without the support of the local community, and seeing people come out to donate means everything," said Gysgt Andrew Fetrow. "By doing an event like this, you get to witness the best of everyone who generously donated to the Registry's 17th Annual Toys for Tots Drive."

With the help of the local community, business owners, and staff, the Registry of Deeds collected more than 150 gifts during the drive.

"I would like to thank everyone who generously donated to the Registry's 17th Annual Toys for Tots Drive."



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We are grateful for the service of all veterans past and present and are, as always, honored to partner with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in their annual toy drive, which helps make the holiday brighter for so many.

This year marks the 77th anniversary of Toys for Tots. The program was established in 1947 when the wife of a Marine major wanted to donate a Raggedy Ann doll for Christmas but couldn't find an organization to accept it.

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program's mission is to help less fortunate children experience the joy and happiness associated with Christmas. The program operates in more than 800 cities and towns throughout all 50 states. Since its start, the national program has delivered over 677 million toys.

O'Donnell expressed his gratitude for the generosity of county employees, title examiners, attorneys, and residents from across Norfolk County in contributing to this year's Toys for Tots drive.

To learn more about these events and initiatives, "like"

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TOYS FOR TOTS - From left to right Gysgt. Ruben Diez and Gysgt. Andrew Fetrow, both of the 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, representing Toys for Tots, and Norfolk County Registry of Deeds William P. O'Donnell pose for a photo during a Toys for Tots pickup event. With the help of the local community, business owners, and staff, the Registry of Deeds collected more than 150 gifts during the drive.

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Board OKs Independence Ave. Condo

By SCOTT JACKSON

The Planning Board this past week approved a local developer's proposal to build a four-story, nine-unit condominium building at the intersection of Franklin Street and Independence Ave.

The board approved Marina Bay Management's proposal for the site at 10 Independence Ave in a unanimous vote on Dec. 18. The project also requires approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The site at 10 Independence Ave contains 10,973 square feet of land and is zoned Business A. It is presently home to Quincy Auto Tech.

A different developer had proposed a four-story, nine-unit building for the same site earlier this year. Those plans were withdrawn after a pair of public hearings during which residents and nearby business owners expressed disapproval with it.

Management Bay Management, which is led by Peter O'Connell, presented revised plans for the site to the board on Nov. 20. O'Connell's attorney, Jeff Tocchio, at the time said his client's proposal differed from the previous one in several ways. For instance, the building would have a hardy plank exterior rather than brick and its entrance had been relocated to the

corner of Independence Avenue and Franklin Street; the part of that building on the corner had also been setback more than five feet from the sidewalk, with the upper floors cantilevered above it.

Each of the nine condominium units would contain two bedrooms and roughly 1,300 square feet of living space. The top floor would have a mansard roof; Tocchio said the beauty of a mansard roof is it allows livable space to be enclosed within the roofline. A total of 18 parking spaces would be provided on site in a parking area in the rear of the property.

At the Nov. 20 hearing, board members had questioned Tocchio about the location and height of an elevator headhouse and mechanical units that would be located on the roof. At this past week's hearing, Tocchio provided the board with plans showing the location of those items as well as their height. The elevator headhouse would stand six feet, six inches tall and the mechanical units would be 40 inches tall, he said.

Tocchio also showed the board sight line sections that indicate the items on the roof would not be visible to pedestrians from the across the road on Independence Avenue, across the road on Franklin Street, or from the

corner of Presidents Avenue and Franklin Street, which is where the birthplace of John Quincy Adams is located.

"I would suggest to you folks this height with the placement of the structures, that they are responsibly placed. It's absolutely minimum," Tocchio said. "You have to be extremely distant to be able to look for it and be able to see something."

The city's Traffic, Parking, Alarm and Lighting Department, also known as TPAL, has identified several potential improvements for the five-way intersection where Franklin Street and Independence Avenue meet. Tocchio said. Those changes include a bump out at the corner of Franklin Street and Independence Avenue, ADA-compliant crosswalks from that corner to the opposite sides of Franklin Street and Independence Avenue, a dedicated left-turn lane on the northbound side of Franklin Street as it enters the intersection, and restriping Independence Avenue to formalize parking stalls and travel lanes.

As part of the conditions the Planning Board attached to its approval, the developer would be required to submit a final engineered streetscape design and restriping plan, including a curb bump out, to TPAL and the Department of Public Works for review and approval before a building permit is issued. The developer would also be required to reconstruct the sidewalk along the property as specified by the DPW, including reciprocal ADA-compliant crosswalks and ramps. In addition, the developer would have to pay \$20,000 to TPAL for design and construction of additional roadway improvements.

Prior to the board's vote on Dec. 18, the board heard from three people who raised concerns about the proposal and two who supported it.

Richard Sweeney Jr., funeral director at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals at 1 Independence Ave, said he remained concerned about the height of the building.

"Today I took a ride down Washington Street to Edison Street; there's a four story building going up on

the corner there...It's four stories, I'm trying to project what this would look like compared to that, and this is just too big for this small, postage-sized lot," Sweeney said. "I just don't think it's conducive for this area."

Marianne Peak, the superintendent of the Adams National Historical Park, likewise said she was concerned about the project.

"Before we go ahead and approve everything, we all should be comfortable with it, we all should be proud of it. It should be something we want to look to the future for and have it be a part of the community, not something that shouldn't have happened," Peak said, adding alternatives, like a park, community center or welcome center for the city should be considered for the site.

Kelard Zera, a resident of Independence Avenue, said he was in favor of the proposal.

"I think I'm one of the few people who lives directly across from the site. I get to stare at it every day. I've been through a few neighborhood meetings, I've seen some of the changes that they've made," Zera said. "I personally would love to see something happen at this property. Right now, it's just an extreme, extreme eye sore. A lot of old cars, flat tires."

The board also received a letter from Leo Martin, the owner of the commercial building next door at 20 Independence Ave, in support of the project. He wrote that "the proposed project represents further investment in our community and the residential building is complementary to our neighborhood."

Following the public hearing, Kimberly Bielan, the chairperson of the Planning Board, noted certain concerns, like the height of the building, are not within the board's purview.

"We've heard some things, a lot of reference tonight to height. That's the zoning board; that's not really within our purview. Our purview is the site plan and special permit for the parking waiver," Bielan said. "This will need to go before the zoning board and that height issue is within its purview."

Social Security Matters Have I Saved Social Security Money By Claiming At 62?

By RUSSELL GLOOR

National Social Security Advisor
at the AMAC Foundation, The Non-Profit Arm
of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I had to start collecting Social Security at 62, and I am 75 now. I believe that in the last 13 years I have saved Social Security money, so I do not know why I cannot draw my full benefits now.

If I had started drawing at 65 at \$1,200 per month, then I would have drawn \$16,400 per year. Instead, I got \$680 per month from 62 to 75, or \$8,160 per year, or about \$106,000 over 13 years. Compare that to the age 65 amount of \$14,400 per year for 10 years, which is \$144,000. So, by claiming at 62, at age 75 I have saved the government over \$38,000. It would make seniors lives so much easier if they could draw full Social Security at 75 years old, after getting only part of their SS. **Signed: Second-guessing**

Dear Second-guessing: The difference between benefits claimed at various ages causes many to reflect, as you have done, about what might have been had you waited longer to claim. But there is an error in your calculations. If your age 62 monthly benefit is \$680, your age 65 monthly benefit would have been about \$845, not \$1,200. Thus, at 75 you would have collected about \$101,400 by claiming at 65, vs. the \$106,000 you have received by claiming at age 62. In other words, you still would not have broken even had you claimed at age 65.

Social Security says that it doesn't matter when you claim – they say that if you claim early your payments will be less, but you'll get more of them. Where SSA's argument falls apart is when life expectancy is longer. Our experience is that if you wait until your full retirement age (FRA) to claim (which is age 66 in your case), vs. claiming at age 62, you will collect the same amount of total money at about age 78. In other words, the "breakeven age" for waiting until FRA to claim is about 78. So, you will reach your personal "breakeven age" in about 2 1/2 years (at age 78). And this is precisely why we encourage everyone to understand their life expectancy when deciding when to claim Social Security – those who expect to live longer will, indeed, get more SS money if they delay claiming.

Your benefit is determined by your age when you claim, and if you claim before your FRA your monthly amount is permanently reduced. If you claimed at age 62 and your monthly amount was \$680, then in the four years until you reached age 66 (your FRA) you would have received about \$32,640. If you had, instead, waited until your FRA to claim, your benefit at age 66 would have been about \$906/month. Collecting \$906/month (at 66) vs. \$680/month (at 62) would make your breakeven age about 78. If you claimed at age 65 instead of 62, your breakeven age would have been about a year earlier (77).

So, have you saved Social Security money? Up to this point, you have not. Since you claimed at age 62, you have collected about \$680/month for 13 years until you were 75 (or about \$106,000). If you had waited until age 65 to claim you would have, instead, collected about \$101,400 – in other words you have received more, so far, by claiming at age 62. But that will change when you reach 77 (your breakeven age, had you claimed at 65). Starting at age 77, you will have received less in cumulative lifetime benefits because you claimed at age 62. Which, again, is why – at the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service – we encourage everyone to consider life expectancy when deciding when to take Social Security. Of course there are other factors too, not the least of which is financial need, but life expectancy is key. And since the benefit you get when you claim is permanent (except for annual Cost of Living Adjustments), deciding when to claim Social Security is a decision which affects a lifetime.

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City Seeks Input Though CD Survey

The City of Quincy's Department of Planning and Community Development has published an online survey to solicit public comment with respect to efforts in conducting a community needs assessment as part of the city's next five-year consolidated plan (con plan) with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Community Planning and Development.

The survey is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/4mzek9tu>. The survey will close on Friday, Jan. 31, 2025.

The needs assessment is one step in preparing the con plan, which will be made available for public comment in the Spring prior to being submitted to HUD. The con plan will provide a roadmap for the city's allocation of federal entitlement grants from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030. Questions or comments about survey may be sent to Sean Glennon, community development director, at sjglennon@quincyma.gov or 617-376-1167.

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Suzie's Recipe Tips

Here are some of my tips I thought of the other night that I am using for this week's "recipe column." Technically there are a few recipes I snuck in so I hope that you see something that you didn't already know. There is no rhyme or reason to the list, just my usual scattered evening thoughts.

- Wetting the parchment paper and squeezing out excess water rather than baking or lining a pan with dry paper makes the lining so much easier and allows food to bake better!

- Buying extra large eggs rather than large. You get more bang for your buck! And your baked goods end up being better.

- Using half butter half olive oil to sauté allows the buttery flavor without all the butter!

- Crushing corn flakes and adding herbs to make a delicious coating for chicken is something my mom did quite often. I also love baking chicken with this mixture.

- Substituting broth for cooking so many things especially rice for added flavor and nutrition (even oatmeal with a drizzle of olive oil and parmesan cheese).

- Roasting a bunch of assorted root vegetables to have as snacks, top salads, or as an easy side.

Making a quick dough out of Greek yogurt and self rising flour (just mix a cup of Greek yogurt (must be full fat) with about a cup and 1/8 of self rising flour, a little salt and that's it) until a dough forms. Sometimes I add a little honey and olive oil too. I make pizza out of this all the time. No need for yeast or anything else. Depending on yogurt you may need more or less flour. Just experiment.

- A quick and easy "Chick-fil-A" sauce that is so easy and doesn't have all the bad ingredients is just 1/4 cup mayo, a tablespoon of ketchup or better yet barbecue sauce, a teaspoon mustard, a tablespoon honey, sprinkling of garlic and onion powder. That's it!

- Embrace salt. Using real salt is much needed in cooking and it has been demonized unfairly. The right salt, when you cook at home is key. It's all the processed and takeout food that are the culprits.

- Recipes calling for buttermilk when you don't have (who does?) is simple. Just add a little lemon juice and let sit a bit.

- Keep ginger root in freezer only. Just grate as needed. It will last a year. Same with lemons. Cut in half and freeze and you can grate as well.

- I usually double the vanilla in all recipes that I'm baking. Makes it all taste so much better.

- Always always keep your knives sharpened. It only takes a minute and makes huge difference.

- Making your own oat flour is so easy. Just whirl up the oats in a blender. I only use "One Degree" brand because they are the one and only glyphosate-free brand, unfortunately.

- Homemade hot cocoa is the best. The mixes contain artificial flavors, bad oils, and way too much processed sugar. For each cup I just do real organic whole milk (A2 easiest to digest) about 3 teaspoons cocoa powder, dash of vanilla, pinch of salt, and a tablespoon or so of maple syrup. You can adjust amounts according to taste. I sometimes add a dash of instant coffee, too!

- Mac and cheese upgrades. Just yesterday to a box of mac and cheese (I love Jovial brand) I added a can of drained tuna, some fresh chopped parsley and some frozen peas to it after the cheese sauce mix, milk and butter. It was like instant tuna casserole! I've added chopped cooked broccoli with garlic, leftover squash etc.

- For a really good breakfast for when all the kids are home, I normally whisk up a bunch of eggs (between 8-12 depending on how many kids), about a cup of cottage cheese (or Greek yogurt), salt pepper and herbs. Then I throw in a bunch of spinach I have chopped, some chopped vegetables whatever I have, either red peppers, onions, asparagus zucchini, etc., chopped breakfast sausage (I love Bilinskies organic chicken or Applegate Farms turkey kind).

I line a cookie sheet with parchment paper that I have greased. Put the cookie sheet on the rack otherwise it's all going to spill if you try to carry (trust me) sprinkle cheddar cheese on the top and paprika if desired. Bake at 375 until cooked through. When done you just cut into squares and it's like having little cheese omelets.

- Always rinse rice well until water runs clear. Cooks far better, less starchy, and gets rid of lots of the naturally occurring arsenic.

- Do not peel your vegetables. The skin contains most of the fiber and lots of the nutrients. Scrub well!

- Add a rind of Parmesan when making sauces and soups. This adds a great flavor and then you don't waste the rind.

- I always substitute full fat Greek yogurt for sour cream. I use this for dips, tacos, really everything that calls for sour cream.

Suzie's Kitchen by Suzie Falco



- If your pantry doesn't have any wine for a recipe, substituting broth works pretty well.

- Since commercial dressing contains inflammatory oils, sugar and is basically over processed, making simple vinaigrette elevates the taste as well as the nutrition. Normally it's double the extra virgin olive oil ratio to your acid such as lemon juice or vinegar. Sea salt, pepper. Some honey; and herbs de provenance or Italian seasoning. Trust your senses! Shake and taste I always say. Adding fresh herbs and lemon also elevates most any meal or sides.

- Half and half is an equally equal parts heavy cream and whole milk!

- Instead of throwing away potato peels (of course well scrubbed potatoes - dry them off well), toss with olive oil and salt/pepper or whatever seasonings you want. Bake in preheated 425 degree oven until browned and crispy. Just watch them because they will burn very quickly. (I used a lightly greased cookie sheet and spread them out real good.)

They are like in between a chip and a fry. Not bad for scraps! We stood over the pan and ate until gone, of course!

- Adding baking soda (just a little) to your water while boiling eggs makes the shell come off much easier!

- Whisking an egg with Parmesan cheese until it's a thick slurry is something I add to almost all my soups. Even plain broth. After soup or broth has come to a boil turn off heat and whisk quickly in to incorporate. The heat will cook the egg and melt the cheese. This is my favorite way to eat my soup or "pastina" (aka Italian penicillin).

Flourless Tiramisu Brownies

I found this incredible recipe for Tiramisu Brownies from Stella at "Hungry Happens." This is a flourless, gluten free recipe that is absolutely outstanding as well as pretty easy.

The mascarpone frosting is the star of the show here but the fudgy brownie layer is a close second.

Enjoy! And thank you to Stella! Brilliant recipe.

Flourless Tiramisu Brownies

- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup olive oil (you can also use unsalted melted butter)

- 2 eggs, room temp + lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar (I use coconut sugar)
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup cacao powder
- 1/4 cup arrowroot powder
- 1/2 tsp espresso powder (important or any instant coffee if need be)

- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt

mascarpone frosting:

- 1/2 cup heavy cream, cold
- 8 oz mascarpone, cold
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- cacao powder, for dust

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line an 8x8 inch square brownie pan with parchment paper.

2. In a small pot, over low heat, melt together the chocolate chips and olive oil and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together your eggs, sugar and vanilla.

Mix in the cacao powder, arrowroot flour, espresso powder, baking powder and salt until incorporated.

Then add in your melted chocolate mixture and stir until combined and smooth.

Transfer the batter to the pan and smooth out the top evenly. Bake for 22-25 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Allow to set in pan for 15 minutes then carefully transfer to a wire rack to COOL COMPLETELY (at least 1-2 hours) before adding on frosting.

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Cahill Named New President, CEO So. Shore Chamber Of Commerce

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce announced Tim Cahill has been selected to serve as the next president and CEO, effective Jan. 1, 2025.

The South Shore Chamber Board of Directors voted to approve the hiring of Cahill last week; Cahill will replace Peter Forman, who is leaving the chamber after 20 years of service on Dec. 31.

Cahill, a resident of Quincy, served as treasurer of Massachusetts from 2003 to 2011. His lengthy political career also includes a six-year tenure as Norfolk County Treasurer and as a 16-year member of the Quincy City Council. Prior to his appointment as president and CEO of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, Cahill served as president and executive director of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce.

"I am deeply honored to be appointed as the president and CEO of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce," said Cahill. "I am committed to fostering a vibrant business community, driving economic growth, and working collaboratively with our members to create a prosperous future for all. Together, we will build on our strengths and seize new opportunities to ensure that our region continues to thrive."

Joe Gratta, CEO of Atlantic Mechanical and chair of the South Shore Chamber Board of Directors, added, "We are delighted to announce the appointment of Tim Cahill as the new president and CEO of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. His extensive experience and dedication to fostering community and business growth make Tim the perfect choice to lead our chamber into an exciting new era. We are confident that under his leadership, our organization will continue to thrive and deliver exceptional value to our members and the community at large."

The South Shore Chamber of Commerce has experienced significant growth over the past 20 years, serving more than 1,100 members over 25 communities in the South Shore region. The



TIM CAHILL

Chamber has also achieved multiple years of Five-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a distinction granted to only the top 1% of chambers in the country, and most recently re-earned earlier this year. The chamber's South Shore Economic Development Corporation (SSEDC) has received the Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO) designation from the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, is well-known for its community engagement, and is nationally recognized for its regional marketing campaigns and positive press coverage for local development efforts.

"As I step down from my role as president and CEO, I am filled with confidence and optimism for the future of the chamber," said Forman, who has spearheaded several initiatives over his two decades of work with the chamber, most notably South Shore 2030, a comprehensive roadmap designed to promote long-term economic growth and sustainability in southeastern Massachusetts.

"Tim has been a steadfast advocate for our business community and brings a wealth of experience and vision to the role. I have no doubt that under his leadership, the chamber will continue to grow and thrive, promoting economic development and supporting our members in new and innovative ways. I look forward to seeing the incredible achievements that Tim, the board of directors, and our chamber members will accomplish together," Forman added.

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Climate Adaptations, Beach Access Focus Of MBC Hearing

The Metropolitan Beaches Commission and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay hosted their annual hearing Nov. 18 on the state of the beaches at the Massachusetts State House.

The hearing featured testimony from Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Brian Arrigo on the progress the agency has made toward infrastructure, maintenance and equity recommendations by the Commission, as well as a discussion of the vulnerability of the recreational beaches to storm surge and sea level rise.

"I have really appreciated the responsiveness from DCR over the past year under Commissioner Arrigo," said MBC Co-Chair, Sen. Brendan Crighton. "While we continue to make progress on our water quality issues on the North Shore, our district regularly sees the impact of storms on our coasts, seawalls and beaches. MBC looks forward to supporting DCR, in understanding the vulnerabilities our beaches face."

"I've seen first-hand how much people in my district in East Boston rely on Constitution Beach for recreation, especially in the hottest summer on record," said MBC Co-Chair Rep. Adrian Madaro. "I know East Boston residents are eager for infrastructure updates to this critical natural resource, so I look forward to learning about the progress that DCR has made under Commissioner Arrigo. In addition, I am interested in their accomplishments towards the equity recommendations in last year's Breaking Barriers report and hearing about goals for the coming beach season."

Arrigo testified to the Commission, highlighting the actions DCR took in 2024 to address the MBC's recommendations for improved beach access for non-English speakers, people with disabilities and people of color.

"Having access to beaches, parks, and green spaces is a matter of equity," Arrigo affirmed. "As we experience more and more periods of climate-change driven extreme heat during our summers, it's vitally important that all of our residents and families feel welcome at and can safely enjoy our beaches to cool off. These spaces build healthy communities. We are grateful to the Commission and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for their continued partnership in our work to break down accessibility barriers to our Metro Beaches."

To that end, in the past two years, DCR has intro-

duced new water safety and shorebird protection signs, featuring QR codes that offer translations into nine additional languages. Additionally, every Metropolitan Beach now hosts welcome signage in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, Arabic, Mandarin, Traditional Chinese, and Russian. DCR will also be installing new easier to understand English and Spanish beach rules signs at all beaches, ahead of the 2025 summer season. The new signs, which will be available in the nine languages via a QR code, feature logos reminding beachgoers not to engage in certain activities for their safety.

DCR also invested more than \$300,000 on new beach wheelchairs and over 1,000 feet of mobility mats. Over the last two years, DCR has added 44 new beach wheelchairs to the Metro Beaches. The DCR Universal Access Program, tasked with providing adaptive and accessible recreation opportunities, worked alongside Save the Harbor staff to conduct an accessibility audit of public beaches in 2023, and this data is being used to plan future capital projects. Save the Harbor also established the Beach Accessibility Advisory Committee to help update DCR lifeguard training.

Finally, Save the Harbor's Executive Director Chris Mancini commended Commissioner Arrigo's continued support for the Better Beaches Partnership, which aims to give decision-making power directly to community members over community spaces. This year, Save the Harbor distributed \$315,000 in grants to 83 community groups, artists, and coalitions to host free events all summer long on DCR beaches. "Seventy-two percent of our 2024 Better Beaches grantees are led by or directly serve people of color," Mancini reported.

Following Commissioner Arrigo's testimony, Save the Harbor Policy Manager Jason Rundle presented an



MBC COMMISSIONERS and staff (from left to right) Mercy Robinson, Margaret LaForest, Rep. Joan Meschino, Sen. Brendan Crighton, Rep. Adrian Madaro, John Allen, Susan Hamilton, Christian Krahforst, Chris Mancini, and Jason Rundle hosted the hearing from the State House while others, including Rep. Jessica Giannino, Robert Tucker, Christopher Byner and Dan Kenary participated by Zoom.

update on the Commission's work around coastal resilience, which featured 11 community climate workshops in 2024. "Understanding that the vast majority of community members value their beaches as spaces for rest and recreation emphasizes the importance of preserving these resources," said Rundle. "We need to take a look at both short-term vulnerabilities to storm surges and long-term beach migration and sea level rise so that we can support the state in developing interventions that can protect our beaches."

Finally, the hearing opened to public comment during which residents from across the region brought attention to instances of poor water quality on some beaches, improvements to bathhouses and public bathrooms, and the need to reevaluate the state testing and flagging protocols that communicate when beaches are open and closed to the public.

Looking ahead, the MBC intends to prioritize better understanding of the beaches' vulnerability, consistent efforts to improve equity and accessibility, as well as ongoing maintenance and infrastructure improvements to playgrounds, seawalls, plantings and other needs as identified by beachgoers in each community. The MBC Commissioners agreed that each of the 13 Metropolitan beaches needs its own vulnerability assessment to plan adaptations in the face of increasing climate impacts. Save the Harbor is looking forward to supporting DCR in this effort in 2025.



DCR COMMISSIONER Brian Arrigo showcases new multilingual signage to be posted on Metropolitan Beaches to more clearly communicate beach rules and regulations.

City Auditor Reelected To Three-Year Term

By SCOTT JACKSON

City councillors have re-elected Susan O'Connor to another three-year term as the city's auditor.

O'Connor was reelected to the post in a unanimous vote on the evening of Dec. 16. She has served as the city auditor for the past 15 years.

Ward 1 Councillor David McCarthy, who chairs the council's finance committee, said it's been a pleasure to work with O'Connor.

"Sue O'Connor is proactive. I know she answers all your emails. If you want to spend time, come into the office, she'll have whatever you need to answer questions on municipal finance," McCarthy said. "I bother

her a lot...I keep coming back and you're letting me in, so I'm doing something right."

Councillor Nina Liang called O'Connor a huge supporter of the councillors, both personally and professionally. Liang also noted O'Connor is "super kind and loving to animals."

"Madam Auditor is an avid, avid foster mom to so many dogs and cats who are in need, both stateside and internationally. That's like the passion for her. She's incredible," Liang said. "I think it speaks to what an incredible, warm human you are."

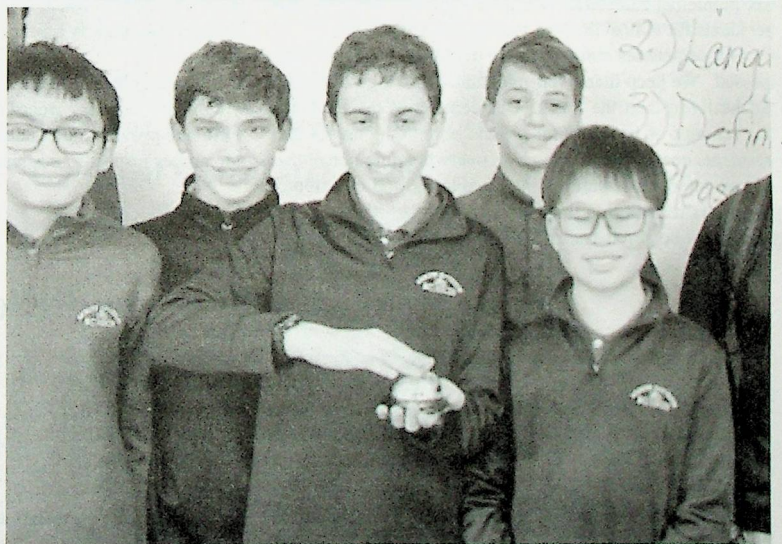
Councillor Noel DiBona, the council's immediate past president, said O'Connor

and all of the staff in the council office were helpful to him during his tenure in that role.

"I want to thank you for everything you've done. You've done a great job," DiBona said. "I'm happy to support you tonight and I'm looking forward to the next three years."

Council President Ian Cain said he became good friends with O'Connor while serving as the finance chairperson.

"She is the font of knowledge. She knows where every cent goes and comes in, and that's useful when deliberating and making decisions," Cain said. "I always miss sitting next to Susan because she became a good friend in the process."



BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL Arrupe Spelling Bee took place Dec. 12. Ten students participated in the contest. It was an excellent competition, and it was great to see the students participating. Congratulations to Mark Bryant, '29, for taking the top spot after 10 rounds of competition. Bryant is now a two-time school champion. Courtesy Photo

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Healey-Driscoll Award \$9.9M To Expand Individual Homelessness Winter Capacity

Municipalities, Shelter Providers, Community Based Organizations to Receive Supplemental Grants

In anticipation of increased wintertime shelter needs for individuals experiencing homelessness, the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities has awarded \$9.9 million in supplemental grants for shelter providers, municipalities, and community-based organizations to open or expand seasonal shelter bed capacity.

Father Bills and MainSpring have been awarded \$1,457,585 to add 93 beds across Quincy, Brockton and Plymouth.

"Every winter, more so now due to the high cost of housing, people find themselves homeless and often sleeping outdoors in the cold," said Sen. John F. Keenan (D-Quincy). "This \$1.4M investment will allow Father Bill's to provide shelter in several communities to a greater number of people on a nightly ba-

sis throughout the winter months. Thank you to all the local staff who dedicate so much time and energy to helping those in need."

"Being without shelter is a challenging reality any time of year, but especially during the harsh winter months," said Rep. Tackey Chan (D-Quincy). "Thanks to this grant, Father Bill's - whose staff works tirelessly to keep our residents warm and safe - will be able to continue its important mission even as the demand for services increases. I am grateful that EOHLHC proactively recognized this need and is providing the resources to address it at this crucial time."

"The funding granted by the Executive Office on Housing and Livable Communities will have an immediate positive impact for people in Quincy and other nearby communities experi-

encing housing insecurity," said Rep. Bruce J. Ayers (D-Quincy). "I am grateful for John Yazwinski and everyone at Father Bill's and Mainspring who have developed a strong safety net for some of our most vulnerable populations. This funding will help continue the progress they've made, and make sure folks have a comfortable, safe environment during the cold winter months. It also ensures access to professional development services, medical consultations, and much more."

"Our nonprofit community partners provide a lifeline to individuals who are struggling with the very basic need of a safe place to lay their head at night," said Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus. "In addition, these organizations are well-

equipped to connect individuals with other important services ranging from behavioral health to the search for permanent housing, which helps lift people out of homelessness."

"We are grateful to state leaders and the team at EOHLHC for making this critical investment in the safety net for our most vulnerable neighbors experiencing homelessness. With this grant, the administration is stepping up to recognize the historic demand on our individual shelter system, ensuring we have the overflow capacity this winter to keep people warm, fed, and cared for. Importantly, this allows us to meet the immediate needs at our door while also pursuing sustainable solutions like housing," said John Yazwinski, president and CEO, Father Bills and MainSpring.

Legislature Approves Recovery Coaches, Sober Home Improvements

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"For many years, the default has been to prescribe opioids for pain management. By making access to alternative pain management treatments easier, we are lessening the likelihood of an individual becoming dependent upon or addicted to opioids and preventing patients in recovery from receiving prescription opioid medications," said Sen. Keenan.

Lastly, the bill also includes language filed by Sen. Keenan to study the impacts of xylazine, a sedative and pain-reliever used on animals, which has increasingly been reported as an additive to addictive illicit drugs such as fentanyl. Several other components of the substance use disorder bill directly address current aspects of the public health crisis facing the Commonwealth.

The bill requires insur-

ance companies to cover emergency treatments to overdoses like naloxone without prior authorization or other barriers like cost-sharing, and mandates treatment facilities and hospitals provide overdose-reversing treatments to patients upon discharge. Reflecting best practices in harm reduction, the bill limits the legal liability healthcare personnel would face while testing a narcotic substance.

Additionally, the bill amends the state's child welfare laws so that parents are not reported for utilizing medications such as suboxone that are prescribed for treating opioid use disorder, and prohibits life insurance providers from denying coverage based on a client obtaining an opioid use disorder treatment for themselves or someone else.

The bill will now be sent to the Governor for her approval.

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Cemeteries Serve The Living And The Deceased

Editor, The Quincy Sun:

"Show me the manner in which a nation or a community cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness the tender sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land and their loyalty to high ideals." That famous quote from William Gladstone is carried forward today in our beloved Quincy. We proudly maintain six municipal cemeteries that house the remains of Quincy residents for almost the past four hundred years.

Our cemeteries aim to provide dignity to those that have passed. We keep them well-maintained as a sign of respect to the living and the dead. Our cemeteries do not house the remains of people from far and wide; they are Quincy residents one and all. As such an overwhelming percentage of our interments were Quincy taxpayers and contributed to our tax rolls during their lifetime. Further, the cemetery plots must be purchased and the people interred in the cem-

etry paid to be there.

Our expansion and improvements at the Pine Hill Cemetery and at Mount Wollaston Cemetery will last generations. They will create a welcome and dignified final resting place for our residents. They will provide a necessary place to grieve for our living, some of whom cannot drive to cemeteries and other communities. This local access to loved one's graves is a critical component for some in the grieving process; particularly seniors that have limited transportation options.

I want to thank Mayor Koch, the City Council, and the volunteer Cemetery Board of Managers for their ongoing efforts to provide our residents with cemeteries that provide the proper respect to our residents.

David Murphy
Commissioner of
Natural Resources

Fond Memories Of Frank Bellotti

I was quite saddened to hear the news of Frank Bellotti's passing. He lived to a ripe old age and had a life well spent. His aim in public service was to make the lives of the people he served in office better and he did that, especially in those three consecutive terms as state attorney general. He reshaped that office as he became the people's lawyer.

I first met Frank Bellotti during his 1970 run for governor. I was a young 22 year old Boston State College student and a political science major. While always interested in politics, it wasn't until 1970 that I began my history as a political activist and over the long years, I have worked on many political campaigns. I lost some, I won some.

I ended up in late summer of 1970 working out of the Bellotti headquarters across the street from South Station in Dewey Square. I often talked with the candidate back then when I thought he was an old guy of 47 years old.

Over the years I was amazed at how persistent he was. He had more than his share of losing but he kept coming back and he ended his career on an up note having served three terms and 12 years as the state attorney general. I have

called him my friend and I became friends with his family too.

Several years ago when I retired as a police officer, I was given an award at a Massachusetts Italian American Police Officers Association at which Frank Bellotti would be a speaker. I attended this function with my daughter and introduced her to Mr. Bellotti and the first thing he told my daughter who was 27 at the time was, "I knew your father since he was only 22." My daughter was impressed with Frank Bellotti's words to her.

The last time I spoke with Frank Bellotti was at his 100th birthday party on May 4, 2023. I remember that date well since I turned 75 years old that very same day. He and I smiled and wished each other Happy Birthdays.

I was so appreciative that year when his son Michael called and told me to be there. Frank Bellotti was an old school Democrat, never an ideologue and saw himself as a voice for the people. It was never about him but about the role in life he accepted. God gave him a long life in which to use those talents God gifted him. We are all here for a purpose and apparently God decided that Frank had finished his race down here and has now crossed the finish line up there.

I will never forget him and all the good he accomplished in his long life among us.

Sal Giarratani
East Boston

Houghs Neck Garden Club News, Programs

The Houghs Neck Garden Club had a great Holiday Party on Dec. 11th at the Fox and Hound. There was a wonderful Italian buffet, and several gorgeous flower arrangements and a gingerbread house with reindeer, which were won by lucky members. The very talented Maura O'Connor, made individual gingerbread houses and gingerbread men for each guest. The room was a buzz with everyone catching up with old friends.

Big doings coming up in January...

We are so excited to present our BOOKS IN BLOOM on Wednesday night, Jan. 8th at the Adam Shore Library at the corner of Sea Street and Palmer Street.

Special evening hours have been set aside, from 6 to 9 p.m. that night. Refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Thomas Crane Library. Please come to see our favorite books expressed in flower arrangements made by your friends and neighbors.

On Wednesday night, Feb. 5th at 6:45 p.m. in the Nut Island Community Room "Treasures in Western Botanical Art" will be presented by Zen-Jay Chuang, a Club favorite. Zen-Jay takes us exploring Botanical themes found in art from around the world.

On Wednesday night, March 5th at 6:45 p.m. in the Nut Island Community Room "Invasive Plants of Massachusetts" will be presented by Heather Charles-Lis, "Quincy's Environmental Scientist." She will provide us with updates on common invasive plants in our area. She will discuss the City's efforts to address invasive species and to support native plantings. This is a gardener's program not to be missed.

April 2nd is the "Tri-Club Meeting." This is only open to members from the three Garden Clubs of Quincy: Houghs Neck, Wollaston and Squantum. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Quincy Yacht Club, located at 1310 Sea St. The topic will be "Garden Accessories - All of Those Non-Plant Items In your Gardens," presented by Christie Dustman.

May 7th is a "Hands-on Floral Workshop" at the Manet Community Center at 6:45 p.m. Attendees must sign up by May 2nd. Plan to bring a 5x5 container, a pair of clippers and scissors, we provide all floral material and instruction.

Don't forget our Annual HNGC Plant Auction on June 4th held at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Thomas Aquinas Hall on Darrow Street behind the Most Blessed Sacrament Church.

The Houghs Neck Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and a 501c3 non-profit organization.

More Quincy news:

The Quincy Sun.com

50-Unit Residential Building Proposed On McGrath Highway

By SCOTT JACKSON

A local developer is seeking permission to replace a shuttered nursing home in Quincy Center with 50 new condominium units.

Developer Sean Galvin on Dec. 18 presented plans for the proposed six-story building to the Planning Board. The board is scheduled to take up the matter again on Jan. 15.

The new building would be constructed at 11 Mayor McGrath Highway and 11-21 Bigelow St. The property contains 44,037 square feet, or just over an acre, of land and is within the Quincy Center-10 zoning district. The property was previously home to the Quincy Health and Rehabilitation Center, a 126-bed nursing home that closed more than two years ago.

Edward Fleming, Galvin's attorney, said his client is seeking three special permits for the project. The first is a special permit required for new developments of a certain size in Quincy Center, the second is a special permit for development within a floodplain in Quincy Center, and the third is for the number of parking spaces; the proposal includes a total of 64 spaces, while 88 spaces are required by the city's zoning code. The project otherwise complies with the city's zoning code, including provisions for height – buildings up to ten stories tall are allowed in the QC-10 zoning district – and density, Fleming said.

The six-story building would have parking on the ground level with five floors of residential units above it, Galvin said. Because of the topography of the site, the bottom floor would not be visible from McGrath Highway.

The garage would house 24 parking spaces and the remaining 40 spaces would be located within a surface lot on the Bigelow Street side of the building. Vehicular access to the building would be provided on Bigelow Street, not McGrath Highway.

A majority of the residential units, 38, would contain two bedrooms, Galvin said, and the remaining 12 units would have one bedroom each. The one-bedroom units would be about 700 square feet in size and the two-bedroom units between 1,100 and 1,200 square feet. Galvin said the units would be sold as condominiums, not leased as apartments, barring unforeseen financial circumstances.

The exterior of the building will have "upgraded finishes," Galvin said, including decorative bricks, balconies, moulded cornices, and round-top windows.

"We think it will be a nice add to that portion of the neighborhood," he said. "It really embraces kind of the historic Quincy design."

The building would be all-electric, he added, meeting the new energy requirements. The units would have individually controlled, energy-efficient heat pumps. Twenty percent of the parking space would have charging stations for electric vehicles.

The Town Brook runs underground in a culvert beneath a portion of the parking lot. Jim Burke, the applicant's engineer, said stormwater is presently allowed to flow directly from the parking lot into the brook without any treatment. The developer has proposed using a system to capture that runoff and remove suspended solids before the water



SIX-STORY, 50-unit residential building has been proposed for 11 McGrath Highway in Quincy Center. The site was previously home to the Quincy Health and Rehabilitation Center, a 126-bed nursing home that closed more than two years ago.

Rendering Courtesy Galvin QS Development

can drain into the brook. The roof would have a separate drainage system to capture the water and channel it into the brook.

During the Dec. 18 meeting, the board heard from two attorneys with offices located at abutting 21 McGrath Highway. Both said they were concerned about the number of parking spaces included in Galvin's proposal.

"The concern is the parking and the impact on our building," said Pamela Linskey. "When the nursing home was there previously, there was huge implications to our parking lot. It's been vacant for two-and-a-half years. We now see this as

a potential impact on our parking lot."

Board member Alie Shaughnessy noted the cities of Cambridge and Somerville have both removed parking requirements for new developments and asked Galvin how many parking spaces at other buildings he has developed in Quincy in recent years are being utilized. Galvin said a 40-unit building he constructed in North Quincy has 80 parking spaces, half of which are now empty.

"We feel because they're ownership units, everybody is going to want to have at

least one parking space, so we would have insisted on at least one parking space," per unit, Galvin said. "We felt the 1.3 ratio here would be sufficient here. It allows for some second vehicle parking, but it certainly allows for visitor parking."

Galvin added that he was more concerned about people going to 21 McGrath Highway using the proposed building's parking lot than he was about residents of the proposed building using the lot at 21 McGrath Highway. The buildings could have a symbiotic relationship, he stated, because

one is commercial and one is residential.

The site at 11 McGrath Highway is near where Wards 1, 2 and 5 meet. The three councillors who represent those wards – David McCarthy, Richard Ash and Daniel Minton, respectively – all said there should be a community meeting to review the project. Rob Stevens, the deputy planning director, suggested that if the community meeting could not be held before the boards convenes again on Jan. 15, the public hearing could be postponed to February.

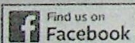
Goddard School Holds Ribbon Cutting In Quincy



THE GODDARD SCHOOL of Quincy is an early childhood school for children ages six weeks old through six years old located at 1200 Crown Colony. The school has 11 classrooms, an indoor gym with a basketball court and rock wall along with two outdoor playgrounds with a soccer field. Additionally, the school is equipped with hospital grade sanitization equipment to ensure a healthy environment. The school is owned by on-site operator, Kristin McNulty who is thrilled to be able to provide care for children in the local community of Quincy. Back row: Matt Galt (Foxrock), Jillianne Freitas (Acella Construction), Saul Schrader (Acella Construction), Anthony Dirubbo (Acella Construction), Trevor Vaughn (Acella Construction), Jeff Cômeau (Acella Construction) and Christian Price (Foxrock). Middle Row: Scott Campbell, Kate Bellis (Foxrock), Eric Garber (Acella Construction), Kayleigh Burke (The Goddard School of Quincy), Matt Hatch (Goddard Corp.). Front row: Tim Cahill, Mayor Thomas Koch, Kristin McNulty, Peter McNulty and Tim Chilson (Helicon Design).

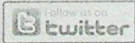
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Friday, December 27
11:30am: LIVE: Currently in Quincy
5:30pm: CIQ Interview: John Paul The Car Doctor

Saturday, December 28
12:00pm: South West Middle School Winter Concert
8:30pm: Beechwood Knoll Winter Concert

Sunday, December 29
10:00am: Bethany Congregational Church
11:30am: Quincy Point Church Good News

Monday, December 30
11:30am: CIQ Interview: Quincy College
8:00pm: QPS 'Tis the Season Concert

Tuesday, December 31
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8:00pm: Quincy in Focus

Wednesday, January 1
12:00pm: Quincy in Focus
8:00pm: QPS 'Tis the Season Concert

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5:00pm: Zoning Board of Appeals 12/10

Friday, December 27
7:00pm: Aging Strong: Alzheimer's Disease
8:00pm: Planning Board 12/18

Saturday/Sunday, December 28 & December 29
10:30am: Crime Watch: Shopping Safety
12:00pm: City Council 12/16
2:00pm: Planning Board 12/18
4:30pm: Board of License Commissioners 12/17
7:00pm: City Council 12/16
9:00pm: Aging Strong: Winter Preparedness
10:00pm: Board of License Commissioners 12/17

Monday, December 30
6:00pm: Crime Watch: Shopping Safety
6:30pm: City Council 12/16

Tuesday, December 31
3:00pm: Concerts @the Crane: The Modernistics
6:00pm: Zoning Board of Appeals 12/10

Wednesday, January 1
7:00pm: Quincy City Council 12/16

Programming is subject to change.

For a complete list of programs, please visit our website at qatv.org

Quincy-North Quincy Winter Track Recent Results

MSTCA Winterfest 12/15/2024 @ REGGIE LEWIS CENTER

First	Last	Gen	Event	Perf	Place	competitors	Comment
Wilson	Chen	M	2miles	10:56.69	9	13	PR
Ada	Cote	F	2miles	12:21.15	3	6	PR
Caroline	Zuffante	F	2miles	12:48.71	5	6	PR
Bassma	Torky	F	Shotput	30'04"	1	48	SR
Sophia	Edwards	F	Shotput	24'00"	20	48	SR
Nora	Ganno	F	Shotput	21'10.5"	30	48	SR
McKenna	Lawton	F	Shotput	20'08.75"	37	49	PR

No awards. PR = personal best. SR = season record

NQ Girls' Basketball Downs Hanover, Improves To 3-0

By TOM JOYCE

Winning was no problem for the North Quincy High girls' basketball team last Friday night.

The Raiders got off to a strong start as they grabbed rebounds, hit three-pointers, and won a Patriot League contest.

The Raiders hosted the Hanover Hawks and never trailed for even one second of the game. The Raiders defeated Hanover 59-28 and improved to 3-0 on the season with the win.

North Quincy dominated the first half, scoring nearly double as many points as

their opponent. Captain Maeghan Smith (10 points) started things off about two minutes into the game, hitting a layup.

The two teams then traded baskets, a two-pointer for Hanover and a three-pointer for the Raiders, before the team took off. A deep two-pointer from Tabby McDonough (10 points) put the Raiders up 9-2 with 3:39 left in the first quarter and forced a Hanover timeout.

While Hanover hit a layup with about 1:30 left in the first, the Raiders finished the quarter on a 7-0 run. First, Jen Xue (14 points),

who excelled from three-point range, sank a three-pointer. Then, Maevie Powers (10 points) hit a layup in traffic. After that, Xue scored on a fast break layup, in part, thanks to a rocket of a pass from Powers; that final layup came in the last few seconds of the quarter and put the Raiders up 16-4.

The Raiders offense excelled again in the second quarter, putting up 17 points. Though Hanover started the quarter on a 6-0 run thanks to two layups and two trips to the free-throw line, the Raiders protected their lead.

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Girls' Hockey Bows To Plymouth

By TOM JOYCE

The Quincy/North Quincy High girls' hockey co-op had its first loss of the season last week in its home opener.

QNG hosted the Plymouth North/South co-op at the Quincy Youth Arena on Dec. 18. QNG lost 5-0 and fell to 1-1-0 on the season.

It didn't take Plymouth long to get on the board. The team netted its first goal just over two minutes into the contest. A Plymouth forward passed the puck to another player in front of the net. The pass recipient then took a light shot and found the back of the net to put her team up 1-0.

About three minutes later, Emily Lim took a solid shot for QNG with no defenders in front of her except the goalie. However, the goalie made the stop with her leg, and the second-chance shot went wide right, so Plymouth kept its lead.

With about four minutes left in the first, Plymouth doubled its lead. A Plymouth forward buried a second-chance goal opportunity after QNG made the initial save.

By the end of the first period, Plymouth led 3-0. The team had scored again with about 1:15 left on the first. A Plymouth player had a slapshot from the left side of the ice that provided her team with another insurance goal.

QNG had a power play opportunity early in the second period following a tripping call against Plymouth, but their opponent ran out the penalty clock. Megan Caldwell got a slap shot off right after the power play officially ended, with about 8:30 remaining in the second period. However, the opposing goaltender made the save, preserving the shutout.

Plymouth scored again about one minute later. With a few players out in front of the net, one Plymouth forward pushed the puck into the net to give the team a 4-0 advantage.

Then, Plymouth went up 5-0 with 3:38 left in the second period. The team won a faceoff in QNG territory. The skater who got the puck rifled a hard slap shot from near the red line; her shot was good for another goal – the final goal of the game for Plymouth.

From there, Plymouth kept playing tough defense and preserved the shutout; it was the first time QNG got shut out this season.

This was the first of two games between QNG and Plymouth this season. They will also play each other on Saturday, February 21, 2025, at Armstrong Arena in Plymouth (10:00 a.m. start time).

Before losing to Plymouth, QNG won a high-scoring affair against Stoughton,

7-2, on the road (Canton Ice House) on Saturday, December 14.

QNG has a mix of youth and experience this season, with seven seniors on the team. The roster for QNG this season includes: eighth-grader Giuliana Monaco, senior Madeline Case, eighth-grader Lillyanne Glorieux-Knight, junior Siena Nichol, freshman Caroline McGrail, sophomore Mackenzie Ilacqua, sophomore Lucy Morkan, senior Megan Caldwell, senior captain Ciara Folan, senior captain Ashlinn Folan, senior captain Maggie Webber, junior Emily Lim, junior Brooke Blahut, freshman Tess Ronan, senior Chloe Melchin, sophomore Anna Greene, freshman Audrey Perry, junior alternate captain Lila Cook, eighth-grader Lily Nichol, sophomore Amanda McClory. Jay Ronan is the team's head coach.

Though QNG has plenty of road games early in the season, most of its matchups in the second half of the season will take place in Quincy. Eight of the team's final 11 regular season games are at home, including eight out of nine games late in the season before finishing the season with back-to-back road bouts.

QNG will host Ursuline Academy Saturday, Dec. 28 at 6 p.m. at Quincy Youth Arena.

QNG vs Jamboree 12/10/2024 @ REGGIE LEWIS CENTER

First	Last	Gen	Event	Perf	Place	competitors	Comment
Zoe	Nelson	F	1000m	3:36.30	2	19	SR
Amelija	Slezas	F	1000m	3:37.50	3	19	PR
Layla	Belfaid	F	1000m	4:19.86	12	19	PR
Jomana	Kmail	F	1000m	4:34.45	16	19	PR
Lakshiga	Periyasamy	F	300m	54.24	34	44	PR
Nora	Ganno	F	55m	8.25	26	180	PR
McKenna	Lawton	F	55m	8.57	56	180	PR
Elle	Blaton	F	55m	8.87	89	180	PR
Emma	Sampson	F	55m	8.87	88	180	PR
Livia	Fantini	F	55m	8.90	93	180	SR
Gabby	Sampson	F	55m	8.91	94	180	PR
Jariah	Brown	F	55m	8.93	98	180	PR
Piper	Yanovitch	F	55m	8.94	102	180	PR
Ava	Hathaway	F	55m	9.02	109	180	PR
Maevie	Murray	F	55m	9.25	117	180	PR
Amy	Tan	F	55m	9.29	122	180	SR
Lola	Healy	F	55m	9.30	124	180	PR
Natalie	Smith	F	55m	9.47	135	180	PR
Alexandra	Guia	F	55m	9.48	137	180	SR
Anna	Kuang	F	55m	9.63	147	180	PR
Aniya	Groomes	F	55m	9.84	157	180	PR
Mikilah	Aubrey	F	55m	9.86	158	180	SR
Aaraya	Gray	F	55m	10.04	164	180	PR
Hannah	Moriarty	F	55m Hurdles	10.17	6	40	PR
Sophia	Edwards	F	55m Hurdles	11.46	23	40	SR
Amy	Tan	F	55m Hurdles	11.76	29	40	SR
Ava	Hathaway	F	55m Hurdles	11.82	32	40	PR
Maddy	McGillcuddy	F	600m	1:44.45	1	36	SR
Lola	Healy	F	Longjump	10'06"	25	26	PR
Ada	Cote	F	Mile	5:46.58	4	40	PR
Caroline	Zuffante	F	Mile	6:01.33	7	40	PR
McKenna	Lawton	F	Shotput	20'07.25"	23	35	SR
Nora	Ganno	F	Shotput	21'08.25"	19	35	SR
Mikilah	Aubrey	F	Shotput	24'02.75"	12	35	SR
Bassma	Torky	F	Shotput	30'00"	3	35	SR
Hana	Refaey	F	Shotput JV	16'01"	15	18	PR
Emma	Sampson	F	Shotput JV	23'04"	2	18	PR
Carter	Bishop	M	1000m	2:59.03	5	39	PR
Andrew	Perkins	M	1000m	3:36.72	31	39	PR
Jayden	Francois	M	300m	37.57	2	49	SR
Mamadou	Diallo	M	300m	38.96	5	49	PR
Mamadou	Diallo	M	55m	6.86	7	134	PR
Jayden	Francois	M	55m	6.87	8	134	PR
Leo	Steinberg	M	55m	6.98	16	134	SR
Zhenyu	Liang	M	55m	7.09	19	134	PR
Adrian	Pena	M	55m	7.29	33	134	PR
Alden	Belfort	M	55m	7.31	36	134	PR
Gavin	Brown	M	55m	7.31	37	134	SR
Hiu	Bui	M	55m	7.48	50	134	PR
Tedsen	Pierre	M	55m	7.59	61	134	PR
Ryan	Chen	M	55m	7.61	63	134	PR
Cash	Murphy	M	55m	7.69	71	134	PR
Jacob	Kelliher	M	55m	7.94	91	134	PR
Bjorn	Sahatqija	M	55m	8.04	94	134	PR
Quadir	Essex	M	55m	8.10	98	134	SR
Ethan	Chen	M	55m	8.18	103	134	PR
Luciano	Moronta	M	55m	8.37	109	134	PR
Ivan	Jiang	M	55m	8.40	112	134	PR
Justin	Nguyen	M	55m	9.09	126	134	SR
Nick	D'Angelo	M	55m	9.46	129	134	PR
Jayden	Francois	M	55m Hurdles	7.75	1	27	PR
Adrian	Pena	M	55m Hurdles	9.48	9	27	SR
Jayden	Anderson	M	600m	1:34.25	5	39	PR
Alden	Belfort	M	600m	1:48.37	29	39	PR
Jauden	Zhong	M	600m	1:50.84	33	39	SR
Brian	Zhu	M	600m	1:56.46	36	39	PR
Wilson	Chen	M	Mile	5:11.40	8	43	PR
Cooper	Nelson	M	Mile	5:24.50	16	43	PR
Jakub	Wilson	M	Mile	5:35.40	19	43	PR
Minth	Tan Tran	M	Mile	5:47.84	21	43	PR
Lev	Skachkov	M	Mile	5:56.58	27	43	PR
Iman	Habib	M	Mile	6:37.30	40	43	PR
Shawn	Pierre	M	Shotput	28'02"	25	29	PR
Wellington	Castillo	M	Shotput	31'09.75"	17	29	PR
Jonas	Ala	M	Shotput	33'10.25"	13	29	PR
Leo	Steinberg	M	Shotput	38'05"	6	29	PR

PR = personal best, SR = season best. Top 8 finish highlighted in Bold

Movie Review: 'Kraven the Hunter'

By BOB GARVER

In between the blockbusters of the Thanksgiving season and the blockbusters of the Christmas season comes "Kraven the Hunter," a movie that was never going to be a blockbuster in any season. Sergei "Kraven" Kravinoff (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) is another one of those Spider-Man villains that's getting his own movie because Sony still has a piece of the "Spider-Man" franchise and they think fans will mistake it for the Marvel Cinematic Universe, which is owned by Disney. "Venom," "Morbius," and "Madame Web" are all part of the same branch. Supposedly there are (or at least "were") plans for a big Avengers-style crossover down the line, but these movies keep bombing so badly that fans don't care if they continue.

Kraven's origin is that he and his brother Dmitri (Fred Hechinger) were brought up by their imposing Russian gangster father Nikolai (Russell Crowe), who was big on hunting metaphors. After their mother died under mysterious circumstances, Nikolai took the boys on a hunting trip, where Sergei was mauled by a lion. He nearly died, but aspiring voodoo priestess Calypso (eventually played by Ariana DeBose) gave

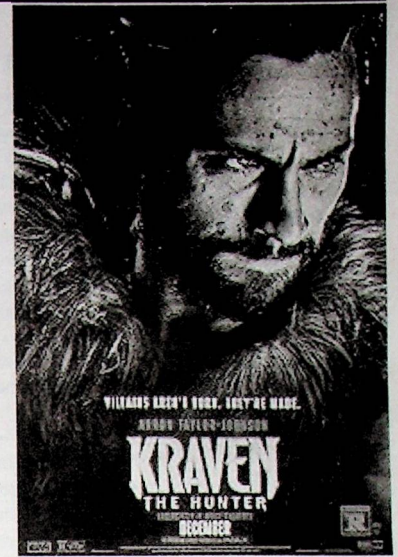
him a magical potion that not only restored his health, but gave him the ability to communicate with animals. Now Kraven is a hunter like his father, but instead of animals, he hunts people. Sometimes this just means tracking people down to talk to them (like Calypso, who's now a lawyer), but usually it means killing bad guys.

Kraven spends most of the movie trying to protect Dmitri, whether it's from their father's control or from a rival gangster known as The Rhino (Alessandro Nivola). The Rhino employs an assassin called The Foreigner (Christopher Abbott), whose gimmick is that he can disappear while he counts to three, then pop out somewhere unexpected, usually to kill someone. The moment I met this character, I knew his downfall was going to come in a scene where he disappears for a two-count, then something "surprising" keeps him from reaching three. The movie could have done without the dull Foreigner, since it already has a pretty good surefire villain in The Rhino and a complicated villain in Nikolai.

For that matter, the protagonists aren't bad either. I can actually see Taylor-Johnson, Hechinger, DeBose, Nivola, and

Crowe making an effort here. I can see Taylor-Johnson turning Kraven into a cool character under different circumstances. I got a few chuckles out of Nivola's scenery-chewing. But this isn't a movie that knows how to capitalize on the talent in its ranks. This is a movie that is here to slap together a few smoldering shots for publicity stills, a few action scenes for trailers, and call it a day. Taylor-Johnson is fine when he's giving a performance, but not when "Kraven" is unconvincingly hopping around a supposed maximum-security prison. Nivola gives his character some engaging personality, but it's hard to notice when he's become an ugly (not terrifying, just ugly) CGI Rhino.

"Kraven the Hunter" is just another in a long line of Spider-Man-adjacent bombs. There's only one way I see these Sony also-rans having any kind of future: Disney needs to buy them for a song and bring them over for the crossover with the one character that can make them interesting. I'm not talking about Spider-Man, I'm talking about Deadpool! Don't laugh (or do, I don't care), he's helped the public regain interest in the likes of Elektra, Chris Evans' Human Torch, even himself after his awful 2009 debut. He's on



a roll and I'd love a movie that's 20 percent superhero adventure and 80 percent jokes at the expense of how badly these characters flopped in their own movies. And yes, this movie is a such a flop.

Grade: C-

"Kraven the Hunter" is rated R for strong bloody violence, and language. Its running time is 127 minutes.

Movie Review: 'Gladiator II'

By BOB GARVER

"Gladiator II" has some awfully big sandals to fill, both commercially and creatively. Its predecessor, 2000's "Gladiator," made \$187 million at the domestic box office. The new film has thus far made an estimated \$132 million after three weeks of release. With a lot of money up for grabs in the upcoming holiday season, another \$55 million isn't out of the question. Maybe I could even stretch to see it making the \$68 million it needs to hit the \$200 million mark. Yes, inflation means that it's less impressive to make these numbers now than it did nearly a quarter-century ago, but these are attainable goals. What I do not see as attainable is the sequel ever becoming as well-regarded as the original. That film won the Academy Award for Best Picture, so already the new one has to live up to an impossibly high (dare I say "gold"?) standard. But even with realistic standards, this movie is still a disappointment.

The second film takes place a few decades after the first, with the once-great Roman Empire ready to collapse under the blissfully-ignorant rule of twin emperors Geta (Joseph Quinn) and Caracalla (Fred Hechinger). They're still greedy enough to

want to expand the empire, so they send out top general Acacius (Pedro Pascal) to conquer a kingdom in Africa. Acacius doesn't believe in the imperialist cause, but he's sworn allegiance to his home, so he sacks the kingdom, which includes killing the wife of top soldier Hanno (Paul Mescal), who swears revenge.

Hanno is taken prisoner and sold into slavery, where he's served up as a potential gladiator without much consideration. But he impresses in his tryout against a troop of baboons, and is purchased by Macrinus (Denzel Washington), a former slave who sees managing gladiators as a way to curry favor with the emperors, feeding into political ambitions and possibly even a power grab. He makes a deal with Hanno that if his "personal instrument of destruction" can become a superstar in the Colosseum, he'll eventually give him a chance at revenge against Acacius.

Hanno is conflicted between wanting revenge and not wanting to be used as a political pawn for a slimeball like Macrinus. He's not conflicted about wanting to stay alive, however, so he plays along in putting together a string of victories. Also, Acacius's wife Lucilla (Connie Nielsen), the daughter

of former emperor Aurelius, notices that Hanno bears a striking resemblance to her long-lost son Luscious. And Luscious's father... is not Acacius.

The story and action aren't very engaging in "Gladiator II," with choppy editing and plodding pacing. But the real weakness of the movie is the acting. Pascal and Nielsen are fine, and the emperors get to do some fun scenery-chewing, but whoever thought that bland pretty-boy Paul Mescal could be an inspirational protagonist on par with the iconic Russell Crowe made a severe miscalculation. Also, and I'm not saying that the rest of the cast is exactly making me feel immersed in Roman culture, but there's something so unmistakably American about Denzel Washington. Maybe it's his voice, maybe it's his mannerisms, maybe it that he shares a last name with the nation's capital, but he belongs at Caesar's Palace much more than he belongs at... these Caesars'... palace. He's too Vegas-y is what I'm saying.

"Gladiator II" has my permission to be a modest financial hit as long as it stays in the shadow of superior recent releases "Moana 2" and "Wicked," the latter of which has much scarier CGI primates. But it hasn't won me over as a movie worth recom-



mending, and I definitely don't consider it an awards contender. Am I not entertained? Taking into account the wording of that question, I can say that yes, I am not entertained.

Grade: C-

"Gladiator II" is rated R for strong bloody violence. Its running time is 148 minutes.

Movie Review: 'Moana 2'

By BOB GARVER

2016's "Moana" is probably my favorite animated Disney movie of the modern era. I have plenty of nice things to say about "Frozen," "Zootopia," "Encanto," and several others, but "Moana," with its timelessly-relatable main character, sharp physical comedy, and multiple memorable songs, puts it just a coir above the competition. When an evidently-rushed sequel was announced earlier this year, I became nervous. What if the new film was so disappointing that it affected my opinion of the original? Now that I've seen the film, I'm happy to report that my enjoyment of the original is not tarnished by this underwhelming sequel.

The film takes place three years after the original, with Moana (Auli'i Cravalho) now her island's premier wayfinder, or boat navigator. The community is thriving, and she's gradually finding clues that will hopefully lead her to discover more islands with communities that can be joined. But she receives a vision that if she doesn't find far-off island Motufetu very soon, everything she holds dear will be lost. She throws together a mission with a ragtag crew that includes overeager builder Loto (Rose Matafeo), grumpy farmer Kele (David Fane), oafish historian

Moni (Hualalai Chung), pet pig Pua, and chicken Heihei, and sets off on an adventure with more self-doubt than she's ever had in her life.

Along the way, she meets up with an old enemy: the tribe of sentient coconuts known as Kakamora. The two sides battle until they discover that they both need somebody to find Motufetu, at which point one of the Kakamora joins the quest as an enforcer. Not long after, the crew find themselves swallowed by a giant clam, which is home base for new villain Matangi (Awhimai Fraser), who has abducted Moana's former ally, the demigod Maui (Dwayne Johnson). It turns out that Matangi needs Moana to find Motufetu as well, though her motivations probably aren't as pure as the Kakamora just wanting to find their way home. With Maui now officially on the crew, it's a race to reach Motufetu before unhappy god Nalo (Tofiga Fepeula'i) can stop them with his storm-conjuring powers.

Slowly but surely, the downgrades from the first movie come to light. New songwriters Abigail Barlow and Emily Bear try valiantly to give Moana an anthem as powerful as "How Far I'll Go," but "Beyond" falls just a bit short. "Get Lost" from Matangi

isn't quite as memorable a villain song as "Shiny." And as far as Maui goes, "Can I Get A Chee Hoo?" is a fall off a cliff from "You're Welcome" that matches Johnson's own falling star power. His tired, somehow-mugging-for-the-camera-even-in-animation schtick is probably the worst thing about this movie, other than an inexplicable over-reliance on gags that involve creatures excreting from various orifices.

The movie still gets a recommendation from me. Cravalho is great as always, the new characters are compelling enough, the jokes hit at an acceptable ratio, and there's an overall agreeable tone for an animated adventure. There's nothing here that makes me want to turn against the "Moana" brand, which is good because we're going to be getting a lot more of it in the future. Supposedly this movie was supposed to be the first few installments of a television miniseries, and harsher critics will say that it should have been stuck on television. I don't agree with that assessment, I think theaters are lucky to have "Moana 2," even if it's a step down from the original. But Moana's journey is clearly far from over, and however it continues, I hope it doesn't lose any more magic than it already has.



Grade: B-

"Moana 2" is rated PG for action/peril. Its running time is 100 minutes.

NQ Girls' Hoop Improves To 3-0

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McDonough snapped the scoring run about three minutes into the second quarter with a steal and a layup. After that, a three-pointer from Maddie O'Donnell with about 4:30 remaining put the team up by 13 points, 22-9.

The Raiders kept that momentum up on a 9-3 run capped off by a three-point play from Smith – a layup and a free throw – plus a layup from Nora Geary with 50 seconds remaining. Geary's basket gave the Raiders a 21-point lead: 33-12.

However, Hanover finished the first half on a 5-0 run, so the Raiders led 33-17 at halftime.

The Raiders excelled early in the second half and regained that 21-point lead thanks to a 5-0 run. During it, Smith hit a three-pointer, and McDonough had a layup. Hanover broke the run up about three minutes into the second half with a free throw; that point made it a 38-18 game.

The rest of the third quarter was a low-scoring affair as the two sides traded three points each. The Raiders entered the fourth quarter with a nearly insurmountable 20-point lead: 41-21.

During the fourth quarter, the Raiders took a more conservative approach, spreading the ball around and taking their time with possessions.

Scoring was no issue for the Raiders late, as they hit a trio of three-pointers in the first three minutes of the fourth quarter. That, plus a two-pointer gave the Raiders a 52-25 advantage – more than double the points of their opponent.

By that point, Hanover had no hope of making a comeback.

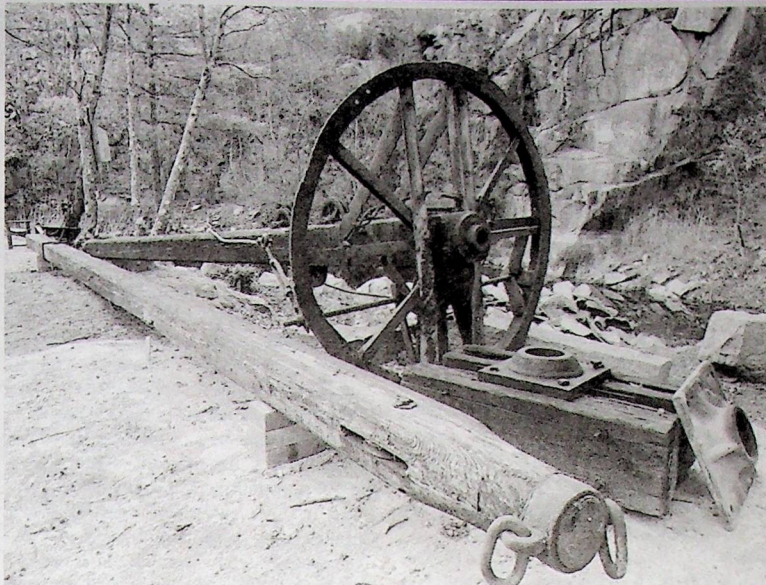
This marked the first of two games the Raiders have scheduled against Hanover this season. They will also play each other in Hanover on Friday, Jan. 24 (6:30 p.m. start time).

Before the Raiders took down Hanover, they started their season with back-to-back wins. The Raiders

defeated Malden 69-38 in their opener on Dec. 13, and defeated Whitman-Hanson in a closer game, 49-44, on Dec. 17.

The Raiders are on the younger side this season, with four seniors on the team. The roster for the Raiders this season includes: sophomore Tabby McDonough, sophomore Maddie O'Donnell, sophomore Amelia Mattie, sophomore Riley Greene, sophomore captain Maeve Powers, sophomore A'laya Colbert, sophomore Nora Geary, junior Ella Lynch, junior captain Maeghan Smith, junior Elizabeth Hames, junior Harper Mergel, senior captain Iris Gjoka, senior Sarah McKenna, senior Anya Sangani, senior Annabella Glennon, and freshman Jen Xue. Liana Cunningham is the team's head coach; she is a 2018 Quincy High grad who set the school record for career assists.

The next game for the Raiders will take place on Friday, Jan. 3, on the road against the Pembroke Titans (6 p.m. start time).



What's New At The Quincy Quarry Museum And Lyons Turning Mill

By AL BINA

The quarry museum has had Gould Rigging Company move the stiff leg derrick from the Inclined Plane Railway site to the Lyons Turning Mill quarry site at the Quincy Quarry and Granite Workers Museum museum.

The stiff leg derrick originally was saved by the City of Quincy when the Antonio Ruscitto and Sons stone shed on Brook Road, South, Quincy was dismantled. The mast and boom sat at the Inclined Plane Railway for about 30 years and was deteriorating so the museum acquired permission to move it to the Turning Mill and museum.

Mast and booms were located at the edge of quarrying operations to facilitate the many operations involved in the quarrying of granite. The main purpose was the lifting of granite blocks from the quarry. They were also used to transport men and equipment in and out of the quarrying operation by what was known as the boat or the grout bucket.

The base, mast and booms were also erected at stone shed operations

to facilitate the movement of stone around the stone shed area. Many of the large quarrying operations had as many as 3 to 4 mast and booms located at different points around the quarrying operation. Each mast, boom and base were located so all points could be reached to remove granite from the quarry bed.

Quarry mast booms could have a lift capacity of up to 30 tons depending on the diameter of the wooden mast, boom and winch wire diameter. Stone shed mast and booms were smaller in diameter with a lifting capacity of between 10 to 12 tons. What determined the lifting capacity of the quarry mast and booms and the stone shed mast and booms was the diameter of the steel wire rope used with each winch.

The mast and boom of the stiff leg derrick would have been in design identical to the quarry mast and boom except the quarry mast and boom would have been much larger in diameter. The positioning of the stiff leg derrick at the edge of the Lyons Quarry is a good representation of where one

of the original Lyons Quarry mast and boom was actually located. The addition of the mast and boom to what the museum calls our "out-door museum" is another great historical artifact located at the museum.

The museum plans to move much of the hardware that was associated with the mast and boom operation to the site. The museum is in the process of stabilizing the mast booms with a linseed oil coating.

The museum and Turning Mill are now closed for the winter but will reopen the first full weekend of March 2025 and continue to open the first weekend each month through November 2025. The museum and Turning Mill will also open on request from individuals or groups in the 2025 season.

The museum is always looking for artifacts pictures and stories of Quincy's granite industry and the associated industries that supported the granite industry including blacksmithing transportation and tool manufacturing. Visit our website at www.quincyquarrymuseum.org.

Bethany Congregational Church

Bethany Congregational Church, 18 Spear St., Quincy, invites the public to its Fourth Sunday of Advent service Sunday, Dec. 29. The service begins at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour is held after services in the Allen Parlor. Come for refreshments and conversation.

The public is invited to visit the church Thrift Shop located at 22 Spear St. right next to the church. The

hours are Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday evenings 4 to 7 p.m.

The Chess Club meets every Wednesday evening at Bethany Church for game-play from 6-9 p.m. Meetings will resume on Jan. 8th.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets most weeks on Friday afternoons at 5:30 p.m. Meetings will resume in January.

Broad Horizons Pre-

school is open and accepting students both full and part-time. To inquire and/or fill out an application, go to the website at Broadhorizonsbethany.com or call 617-471-0022.

Bethany Congregational Church website is: bethanycongregationalchurch.org. Email address is: bethanycongregationalchurch@yahoo.com. Telephone number is: 617-479-7300.

dents to healthcare professionals. The students proudly donned their white coats, symbolizing their commitment to patient care.

Tiffany He Lam Healthcare Professional

Hofstra University's Class of 2024 Physician Assistant (PA) Studies students, including Tiffany He Lam from Quincy, celebrated the culmination of their

rigorous academic journey at the annual White Coat Ceremony Dec. 18

The event, held at the Adams Playhouse, marked their transition from PA stu-

Early Deadline For Jan. 2 Edition

Because of the New Year's Day holiday, there is an early news and advertising deadline for the Jan. 2nd issues of The Quincy Sun.

News and advertising for the Jan. 2nd edition should be submitted by Thursday, Dec. 26th at noon.

The Quincy Sun office is

located at 1372 Hancock St., Quincy Center. The office will be on New Year's Day Wednesday, Jan. 1st.

Happy, Healthy 2025 to all!

Lila Kanj Joins Mass Bay Credit Union

The Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer of Mass Bay Credit Union (MBCU) announces Lila Kanj as the new branch manager of its Everett location.

In her role, Kanj will oversee daily branch operations, ensure compliance with regulatory standards, and lead her team in delivering exceptional member service while driving the branch's strategic growth initiatives. She brings over 15 years of financial services experience, both as a branch manager and in various other leadership roles at local credit unions.

"We are excited to have Lila Kanj join our team. Her



LILA KANJ

impressive background in retail banking and commitment to great service are an asset to our Everett branch and community," said Kelli Cullen, Chief Operating Officer.

A Salem State College

graduate with a bachelor of science in business administration and marketing, Kanj is passionate about fostering strong member relationships and creating positive changes within organizations. Her dedication to training and mentoring employees has consistently resulted in increased productivity, morale, and service excellence.

Founded in 1936 as a credit union for MBTA employees, Mass Bay Credit Union has since expanded to include membership within the local communities it serves. As a not-for-profit organization, MBCU puts people, not institutional profit, at the forefront of its mission.

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Remembering Frank Bellotti

By ROBERT BOSWORTH

The city lost a political giant Dec. 17 with the passing of former Massachusetts Lt. Gov. and state Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti.

Mr. Bellotti died at home surrounded by family. He was 101.

Funeral arrangements were private at the request of his family. A celebration of life will take place in January. Details were pending as the Sun went to press Monday.

Frank Bellotti was a city icon and patriarch of one of Quincy's most well-known families. He lived a long and blessed life. His distinguished legacy in public service and business will be remembered fondly by those who knew him.

"Frank Bellotti was a cherished mentor, colleague and friend," said Governor and former Attorney General Maura Healey. "In a lifetime of service, he made indelible contributions to Massachusetts law and policy, and inspired generations of legal professionals and public servants. His work to protect residents and uphold the rule of law has been widely respected and recognized across the country by the National Association of Attorneys General.

"We express our deepest gratitude for his legacy of advancing civil rights, defending constitutional principles, and elevating the professionalism of the People's Law Firm. Sending my love to his family and friends and all that were fortunate to know him and share the great admiration he earned throughout his life. May we all find peace knowing he is with his beloved Maggie."

House Speaker and Quincy legislator Ron Mariano said:

"Frank Bellotti was a giant. From his service to our country in the Navy, to his time as lieutenant governor, to his trailblazing work as attorney general, to the enormous impact that he had in private life as a lawyer and businessman, very few people have touched as many lives, in such a profound manner, as Frank did.

"Despite the incredible longevity of Frank's career, he never wavered when it came to the values that he held dear. Frank marched with Dr. King, protested the war in Vietnam, and fought hard for civil rights, gay rights, and to protect the environment. Frank also inspired me, and so many other folks from my community to enter public service, setting an example for all those who came after him. He made Quincy proud," Mariano continued.



"I CAN'T IMAGINE anyone receiving an honor that is more personal than this is to me," said former state attorney general and longtime local attorney Frank Bellotti after the Quincy District Court was re-named for him Sept. 23, 2012. Mr. Bellotti, who also served the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a lieutenant governor, died Dec. 17. He was 101.

Quincy Sun File Photo/Robert Noble

"I'll remember Frank as someone who was incredibly tough, yet kind, a combination that made him the perfect advocate, time and time again, for vulnerable residents who needed their government to step up and protect them. On behalf of the entire House of Representatives, I want to offer my sincerest condolences to Frank's family and loved ones. There will never be another Frank Bellotti. May he rest in peace."

Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott said:

"Frank Bellotti was a lifelong public servant, a War II U.S. World Navy Veteran, and a devoted family man. Mr. Bellotti served the public with bravery, honor and trust for several decades.

"The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office fondly recalls his graciousness, smile, and good spirits this past August at the dedication of the 'Lone Sailor' Statue and Memorial in Quincy," McDermott said. "Our thoughts are with his entire family, including his 25 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and countless friends."

In 2012, I had the pleasure of interviewing Frank prior to the dedication of the Quincy District Courthouse in his name. He shared stories dating back to his five decades in public service and reminisced about his political wins and losses with his unique sense of humor and dry wit.

"They always said I did things that nobody else has done but the most important thing that I did was lose three times for governor," he mused. Those attempts came in 1964, 1970 and 1990.

Of course, there was so much more to Frank Bellotti. He will be remembered for what he accomplished as a prominent attorney and businessman as well as a dedicated public servant.

And for blazing a political trail that few have matched. He is the only lieutenant governor to challenge a sitting governor – of either political party in any state – in a bid for their party's gubernatorial nomination.

His decision to enter political life came in 1958 when he ran for Norfolk County district attorney as a Democrat in a then-staunch Republican county. In retrospect that loss would later propel Frank to lieutenant governor in 1962 and a decade later to state attorney general.

"I had run for district attorney in 1958 and I came closer than any Democrat had ever come but I still lost by 19,000 votes," Frank said in that interview. "But as time went on, people kept writing about it as if I had lost by only two or three hundred votes. I was going to run for D.A. again in 1962, but I looked at it and I said I can't win. This is still a Republican county."

Frank recalled sitting in his car outside the old courthouse on Coddington Street with local activists John Gillis and Dick Koch when he decided to run for lieutenant governor in 1962. "And I had never held office," he noted.

Frank went all around the state – visiting little towns and hamlets seldom frequented by candidates – and this well-organized grassroots effort pulled off a big upset. He shocked the Democratic party establishment at the convention in Spring-

field by lining up more than enough delegates to be on the ballot. He defeated fellow Democrat Herbert Connelly in the primary by nearly 100,000 votes. In the final election, Frank polled more than a million votes defeating Republican Francis W. Perry and two other fringe candidates.

Two years later, in 1964, he made his first of three bids for governor. He challenged sitting governor Endicott Peabody for the Democratic nomination and defeated him by 27,000 votes but narrowly lost to Republican John Volpe in the general election by only one percentage point or 23,000 votes.

Frank made another bid for governor in 1970 but he finished third in a four-way race. Democrat Kevin White would lose the general election to Republican Frank Sargent.

Four years later, in 1974, Frank made a triumphant return to state office winning a bid for attorney general. He was re-elected in 1978 and 1982 but did not seek re-election in 1986. He is the only Quincy resident to serve in two state Constitutional offices.

As attorney general, Frank instilled professionalism among his staff. During his time in office, he reorganized the office by eliminating part-time staffers and hiring based on merit. He also helped support many good attorneys nominated for judgeships.

One of his hallmarks as A.G. was championing civil rights. He served as the president of the National Association of Attorney Generals (NAAG). In 1981,

OBITUARY

Francis X. Bellotti, 101

Francis X. Bellotti, age 101, former Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of Hingham, formerly of Quincy, died peacefully, Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024 in the comfort of his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Frank was born in Boston, to the late Peter V. and Mary J. (Petrocelli) Bellotti. Raised and educated in Roxbury, he was a graduate of Boston English High School, Class of 1940. He earned his Bachelor degree from Tufts University in 1947 and Juris Doctor degree from Boston College in 1952.

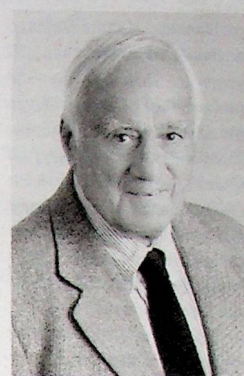
He lived in Hingham for the past eight years, previously in the Wollaston section of Quincy for most of his life.

Frank was a World War II veteran, having served in the United States Navy as an intelligence and athletic officer in the Scouts and Raiders, a precursor to the U.S. Navy SEALs. He received the European-African-Theatre Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon (1 Star), a Presidential Unit Citation, and Victory Ribbon WWII.

Frank was a prominent figure in the Massachusetts political and business scenes for decades. He served as Lieutenant Governor from 1963-1965, and went on to serve three terms as Attorney General from 1975-1987. After leaving office, he worked in private practice and helped found the Arbella Insurance Group in the 1980s. He also served as chairman of the Arbella Insurance Group.

Frank received many awards and accolades throughout the years. In 2001, the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) established an annual award in his name, presented to a member of the Society of Attorneys General Emeritus whose work has furthered the NAAG mission. Frank had served as president of NAAG from 1984-1985. In 2012, the Quincy District Courthouse was renamed in his honor. In 2024, he was honored with a bronze plaque in Navy Park at Squantum Point in recognition of his military service.

Frank's legacy lives on through his 11 surviving children, his 25 grandchil-



FRANCIS X. BELLOTTI

dren, and his 17 great grandchildren, who continue to honor his memory through their own acts of service.

Beloved husband for 73 years of the late Margarita E. "Maggie" (Wang) Bellotti.

Devoted father of Kathleen A. Bellotti and Artie Kouyoumdjian of Hingham, Mary E. "Liz" Tufo of Quincy and her late husband Anthony "Tony", Nina M. Flaherty and her husband Joseph of Weymouth, Peter V. Bellotti and his wife Barbara of Winchester, Terry Bellotti-Palmieri and her husband Kenny of Weymouth, Rita Barry of Quincy, Joseph Bellotti of Quincy, Thomas Bellotti of Quincy and Lori Bellotti of Braintree, Patricia Bellotti-O'Rourke and her husband William of Dedham, Michael G. Bellotti and his wife Gayle of Quincy, Sheila A. Marchetti and her husband Michael of Cohasset, and the late Francis X. Bellotti, Jr.

Loving grandfather of 25 and great grandfather of seventeen.

At the request of the Bellotti family, funeral services and interment, with military honors, took place privately. A Celebration of Frank's Life will take place at a date and time to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Frank's memory may be made to the Quincy Veteran's Council, c/o Quincy Veterans Services, 4 High School Ave., Quincy, MA 02169 or the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Avenue, Quincy. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

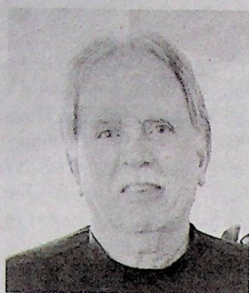
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OBITUARIES

Donald Kane

Donald Kane, beloved husband of more than 53 years to Joanne Kane and proud father of Stacie Dugan (husband Dorsey) of Quincy; Tim Kane (wife Kelly) of Quincy; and Michael Kane (wife Jennifer) of Warner, NH passed away at home surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with prostate cancer.

Donald was Papa to nine cherished grandchildren - Grace, Liam, Maeve, Zach, Hannah, Nathan, Travis, Kelsey and Felicity- who provided him with boundless joy and countless treasured memories. He excitedly anticipated his annual trips with them to Story Land and Santa's Village when they were young and cheering them on at their many baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer and hockey, cheerleading, dancing and gymnastics competitions as they grew. Even during the final days of his courageous battle, Donald yearned to stay current on his grandchildren's journeys, and never forgot to remind them of how much he



DONALD KANE

loved them.

Donald instilled in his children some of his best traits, including inquisitiveness, persistence, a strong sense of humor and empathy. Donald was always there for a child in need, ensuring all felt welcomed and valued, including when he was coaching soccer and baseball. Donald also loved to help friends, family and neighbors with electric, automotive or other needs using the skills he learned during his education at Don Bosco Technical High School, enlistment with the Army Reserves, 40 years of employment as an Electrician with the Polaroid Corporation

and 10 years of employment with the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority.

Donald was the son of the late Patrick and Helen Kane of South Boston and beloved brother to his five siblings, Patricia, Paul, Kevin, Anne-Marie and Arlene. He was also loved by and contributed to the strong bonds his children formed with, his extended family, including his many nieces and nephews.

Donald will be missed by many and forgotten by few.

A funeral service was celebrated Dec. 21, 2024 in McDonald Keohane Funeral Home North Weymouth at 40 Sea St. (off Rt. 3A-Bicknell Sq.), Weymouth.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Donald B. Kane to support cancer research and patient care at: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via dana-farber.org/gift. Please see www.Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.

Joan A. Carroll

Joan A. Carroll, a longtime resident of Quincy and recently Braintree, passed away peacefully on Friday, Dec. 13, 2024.

She was born in Boston to Katherine (Higgins) and William G. Bryant and raised in South Boston. In her late teens she moved to the Merrymount neighborhood of Quincy. She graduated from Mt. St. Joseph Academy. Joan went on to pursue her passion for art and fashion at the Jackson von Ladau school for fashion and design. Her knowledge, training and zest for the industry landed her a career in fashion and advertising with Jordan Marsh and Sears Roebuck.

Joan married William F. Carroll, who also grew up in South Boston. They settled in the Merrymount section of Quincy and started a family, having three children. In the early 1980's, Joan returned to the workforce and earned a position with the MA State



JOAN A. CARROLL

Lottery. She worked there for 25 years before retiring.

In her spare time, Joan enjoyed spending time with family and friends as well as traveling. Joan enjoyed the arts and fashion and was often called upon by Our Lady of Good Counsel Sodality, Archbishop Williams Women's Guild and various other organizations to chair their fashion shows.

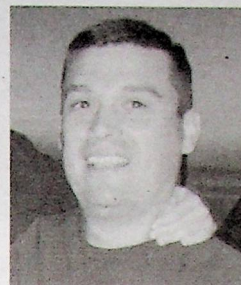
In addition to her creative pursuits, Joan's deep Catholic faith was a cornerstone of her life. She was a devout member of Our Lady

of Good Counsel Church where she found comfort and strength in her relationship with God. Joan's spirituality was reflected in her kindness, compassion, and the love she freely gave to her family, friends, and all those she encountered.

Beloved wife of 34 years to the late William F. Carroll. Devoted mother to Bill Carroll and his wife Kathleen of Duxbury, Beverly Wiedemann and her husband Ted of Marshfield and Pamela Gold of Walpole. Loving sister to the late William Bryant, Clare Baldwin, and Mark Bryant. Adoring grandmother to Elizabeth, William and Brendan Carroll, Theodore and Eric Wiedemann, and Gregory William Gold. Also survived by eight great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held Dec. 18, 2024 in the Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 18 in Holy Trinity Parish at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Quincy. Burial in Pine Hill Cemetery, Quincy.

Paul J. Murphy, 50



PAUL J. MURPHY

Paul Jonathan Murphy of Quincy, passed away on Dec. 14, 2024, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with Cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer). He was 50.

Paul was a loving husband to Tara Doherty Murphy, who he enjoyed traveling and listening to live Irish music with. Paul was a proud father to Sarah, Meghan, and Matthew, and told anyone who would listen stories about their many accomplishments. Paul was the ex-husband to Katie Murphy, with whom he shared 21 years of marriage. Paul is survived by his parents, Jean (Magaldi) and Chuck Murphy; his siblings, Chris Murphy (wife Kate) LT Quincy Fire Department, Erin McGrath (husband Kevin), Laura Murphy (boyfriend Paul Riser); and four nieces and five nephews. He is also remembered by many extended family members and friends.

Paul was a Quincy native whose life was defined by his commitment to service. As a dedicated officer with the Quincy Police Department, he made a lasting impact on his community. His fellow officers remember him as the guy you wanted to show up to back you up at a call. Paul proudly served as President of the Mutual Aid Association, as a delegate to

the Massachusetts Police Association (MPA), as a member of the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council (Metro LEC), and was a member of the QPD Honor Guard. After his retirement from the police department, he worked as a social worker for Aspirare as a crisis clinician.

A lifelong learner and graduate of North Quincy High School, Paul was the proud holder of three higher education degrees: an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Saint Anselm College, a Master's in Criminal Justice from Western New England University, and a Master's in Social Work from Bridgewater State University. Paul's love of knowledge extended beyond his formal education—he greatly enjoyed reading and perusing bookstores during his travels, always eager to expand his understanding of the world and beyond.

From the moment he was diagnosed, Paul made it clear

to everyone around him that he intended to live whatever was left of his life to the fullest, and for the past nine months, that's exactly what he did. From attending both the Red Sox home opener and closer, trips to Key West, the Berkshires, New Orleans, or simply spending time with family, Paul faced his illness with remarkable strength and resilience, surrounded by the love of his family and friends until the very end.

Visiting hours were held Dec. 20, 2024 at Keohane Funeral Home, 785 Hancock St., Quincy. A Funeral Mass was held in Sacred Heart Church, 386 Hancock St., Quincy, on Dec. 21, 2024. Interment at the Mt. Wollaston Cemetery, Quincy.

Donations may be made in Paul's memory to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation. If you wish to donate by phone, please call (888) 936-6731 and speak with Laurie Kikel. If you wish to donate by mail, send a check to CCF - In Memory of Paul Murphy, 5526 West 13400 South, #510, Herriman, Utah 84096. You can also visit the link <https://curecca.link/PaulMurphy> to donate online.

Paul's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him, and he will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and the many lives he touched.

Ann L. Barone, 84

Ann L. (Malvesti) Barone, age 84, a longtime resident of Quincy, died peacefully, Monday, December 16, 2024 at Serenity Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Wrentham, surrounded by her loving family.

Ann was born in Boston, to the late Nancy (Mangiarrelli) and John A. Malvesti, Sr., Sergeant, Q.P.D., Retired. Raised and educated in Quincy, she was a graduate of Archbishop Williams High School, Class of 1958.

Ann was employed as an accounts receivable clerk for Stop & Shop Supermarket Company for fifteen years. She had also worked for South Shore Bank, Hood, and in the bakery at Star Market in Quincy. She had been retired for many years.

Ann had a passion for

baking. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family, and was especially devoted to her grandchildren.

Beloved wife of the late Anthony Barone, Jr.

Devoted mother of Matthew J. Harris and his wife Jodi of Dorchester, Sandra L. Lyon and her husband Robert of North Carolina, and Nancy R. Harris-Brody and her husband Jonathan of Foxboro.

Loving grandmother of Robert P. Lyon, Jr. and his wife Denyce, Courtney L. Lyon and her partner Eric Fedrizzi, Emily A. Brody, the late Candice L. Harris, and the late Matthew J. Harris, Jr.

Cherished great grandmother of Nathaniel R. Comerford, Michael J. Murphy, Roman and Henley Fedrizzi.

Dear sister of John A. Malvesti, Jr. and his wife Lillian "Sis" of Florida, Judith N. Malvesti Carnes and

her husband Robert of Whitman, Joseph J. Malvesti of Florida, and the late Douglas J. Malvesti.

Ann is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families.

Visiting hours were held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy, on Monday, Dec. 23. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Divine Mercy Parish in Saint Mary's Church, 95 Crescent St., West Quincy, on Tuesday, December 24, at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

For those who wish, donations in Ann's memory may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

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They are not written by The Quincy Sun.

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Rafael Vazquez Diaz, 79

Rafael Vazquez Diaz, age 79, of Quincy, died peacefully, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024 in the comfort of his home, in the presence of his loving daughter, Melissa, and son-in-law, Frank.

Rafael was born in San-turce, Puerto Rico, to the late Rafael Vazquez and Adelaida Diaz. As a child, Rafael moved to New York with his family before they relocated to Miami-Dade, Florida.

He was a graduate of North Miami Senior High School, Class of 1961, and earned an Associate degree from Miami-Dade Community College.

In the wake of the devastation of Puerto Rico from Hurricane Maria in 2017, Rafael moved to Quincy, previously living in Puerto Rico for most of his adult life.

Rafael served in the



RAFAEL VAZQUEZ DIAZ

United States Army during the Vietnam conflict, attaining the rank of Sergeant.

He was employed as a petroleum plant and facility operator working for Texaco, Inc. for thirty-five years until his retirement. He began his career working in the newspaper industry.

Rafael was a talented mechanic and enjoyed helping his neighbors in Puerto

Rico by fixing their cars. As a young man, he enjoyed playing the drums and surfing.

Devoted father of Melissa Vazquez Pagan and her partner Frank Ruiz.

Loving brother of Migdalia, "Micky" Carballo and her husband Louie Carballo.

Rafael is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

At the request of the family, memorial services will take place privately at a later date.

For those who wish, donations in Rafael's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Robert W. Kamb, 94

Robert W. Kamb passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at the age of 94 years in the presence of his loving children. He joins his beloved wife of nearly 60 years, Virginia (Trider) Kamb on the great dance floor of Heaven. He leaves behind in a mixture of sorrow and gratitude his children Robert Jr. (Rebecca) of East Sandwich, Joseph (Linda) of Walpole, Stephen (Lisa), and Mary, both of Quincy, his grandchildren Lauren, Stephen II (Sheila), Madeline (James), John, Robert III and Daniel, and numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves his dear sisters-in-law Barbara Kamb of Littleton and Rosemary Houghton of Tewksbury. He concedes that Bob Brill has won the contest as longest surviving Bob of the neighborhood and wishes him continued success.

The youngest son of the late John E. and Susan (Bennet) Kamb, Bob was born in Boston and grew up in the Back Bay area of the city with his late siblings Marie, Dorothy (Freeman), John, Ruth (Buchanan), Theresa (Day), and Eleanor (Rutherford). He had a rough and tumble upbringing but as "the baby," was looked after fiercely and lovingly by his sisters and big brother. After graduating from Boston Technical High School, he joined the Navy and served honorably through a 4-year hitch that turned into 5 years with the onset of the Korean War. After leaving the Navy, he knocked around the Boston area for a few years where he had the great good fortune to meet his one true love, the beautiful Virginia Trider, soon to be Kamb, of Charlestown. After a short residence in a tiny apartment in Charlestown, where the young couple greeted the arrival of their first child, they moved into a somewhat



ROBERT W. KAMB

drafty and slightly crooked house in the seaside village of Houghs Neck, Quincy, where they raised their children in their forever home overlooking the playground, back beach and a beautiful, ever-changing view of the Boston skyline (and the Pump)!.

Bob was gainfully employed by the Boston Gas Co (now National Grid) for 35 years, where his work as a field engineer took him to every corner of the metro Boston area. Long before GPS was invented, he could give detailed turn by turn directions to any point in the city, with multiple options around traffic or construction, and some that involved driving on what may not have been actual roads. After many years of faithful service at the Gas Company, he earned a well-deserved retirement that he and Virginia enjoyed to the fullest. He spent his truly golden years travelling all over the US and Europe with Virginia, his big brother John and his wife Barbara, and came back with hilarious stories of their adventures and mishaps as they traveled near and far.

Dad was a great dancer, thanks to the lead that Virginia provided, and they went to many "times" together at the Quincy Yacht Club, St. Thomas Aquinas hall, Florian hall and other

dazzling venues with their friends, neighbors and co-workers, where they got the nicknames "Fred and Ginger" for their smooth and elegant moves on the dance floor.

Bob was an involved and loving father, actively and fully engaged in the raising of his children. He attended, coached, cheered on and supported his children, and later, his grandchildren, in every sport they participated in. He encouraged us all to success, not only in sports, but in all other aspects of life, with his unfailingly encouraging, calming, steady words that still sound clearly in the ears of his then-young athletes: "You can do this, kid!". He especially encouraged his daughter in her pursuit of sports at a time when women's sports weren't as popular as now.

Ironically, in a house full of boys, the only girl became the hall of fame athlete, which made him very proud.

He loved the ocean, and his utter enjoyment was visible to anyone who watched when, after coming home from work on a hot summer day "pushing that car around town," he would plunge into the water at back beach to wash the grit and grime of the city off.

Our father was a wonderful bedtime storyteller, keeping us kids spellbound with fanciful tales of talking lobsters and little girls who laughed a lot, and even headless horsemen, complete with sound effects (much to our mother's despair of us ever getting to sleep) - "to bed, to bed, or I'll have your head!!

Bob was a good Catholic, faithfully attending 7:30 Mass every Sunday at Most Blessed Sacrament Holy Trinity church, helping out as an usher well into his 80's.

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Mary Shurtluff, 92

Mary Shurtluff (nee Jubenski), aged 92, died Dec. 14, 2024 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

A longtime resident of Quincy and Vero Beach, Florida, Mary lived a long and fruitful life devoted to her 8 children and their spouses: Kenneth Jr. and Nerrissa Shurtluff of Quincy; Kathy and Fred Bolm of Vero Beach; Karen Shurtluff of Orlando, Florida; Kristen and Mike Bishop of Apopka, Florida; Kimberly Chase of Orlando; Karyl and Steve Elias of Nashua, New Hampshire; Kevin Shurtluff and Willow LeTellier of Seattle, Washington; and Kerry and Mark Wilkie of Vero Beach. She was a doting grandmother to her 5 grandchildren: Lowell, Liam, Olivia, Nolan and Jenna. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth William (Ken) Shurtluff, Sr. in 1997.

Mary grew up in Hunter and Trevorton, Pennsylvania and trained to be a secretary. After moving to New York City to join her older sister, Olga, Mary met her



MARY SHURTLUFF

future husband while volunteering at a local USO. They were married in 1954. Mary and Ken lived for a time in Queens, New York, later moving to Keene, New Hampshire, finally settling in Quincy in 1960. During her time in Quincy, Mary raised her large family first in Montclair and later in Wollaston. She was an accomplished seamstress, played the accordion, and enjoyed gardening. After her children, all of whom attended North Quincy High School, graduated, she began a long career as a secretary and bookkeeper for a variety of local firms, both in Quincy and Vero Beach.

In 1986 Mary and Ken

moved to Vero Beach, where she resided until 2022. She was a communicant at Saint Helen's Church and sang in the church choir for many years. She also learned to play and become proficient at the organ. As she aged, she split time between family homes in Vero Beach, Apopka, and Quincy.

Mary loved to play cards, watch detective shows, and spend time with family and friends. The Catholic faith was very important to her and she enjoyed spending time with members of her congregation in Vero Beach. She was a jokester who got a kick of generating guffaws from her listeners with puns. Her kind, loving and generous spirit will be greatly missed.

Funeral arrangements will be provided by Keohane Funeral Home in Quincy. A Mass of Christian Faith will be held at St. Helen's Church in Vero Beach at a later date. Donations may be made in Mary's name to a charity of your choice.



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OBITUARIES

Marilyn Page, 72

Marilyn Page, age 72, of Newton, died peacefully, on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, in the comfort of her home.

Marilyn was born in Boston. She lived in Newton for the past twenty-eight years, previously in Palmer for forty years. Marilyn lived in a group home in Newton with four other individuals who became a second family to her.

Marilyn enjoyed many things in her life such as gatherings with family and friends, going to her day program, church, music, singing, dancing, track, bowling, horseback riding, movies, puzzles, games, and any toy that was musical. Marilyn loved when her birthday came around – it made her feel so special. She loved getting her hair and nails done. She was very meticulous about how she looked. She loved to wear jewelry, especially watches, bracelets, and rings.



MARILYN PAGE

She loved her family, peers, caregivers, and the staff that took care of her at the group home and at her day program. Marilyn was loved by many. She was a loving, caring, and helpful person with an infectious laugh.

Marilyn's journey was marked by love and the simple joys of life. She will always be our sunshine.

Beloved daughter of Lorraine A. (Riley) Page Walsh of Quincy and the late Louis J. Page.

Devoted sister of Pamela C. Egan and her husband John of Braintree, the late Louis J. Page, Jr. and the late Colleen Page.

Visitation will be held at the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy, on Friday, Dec. 27, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in Saint John the Baptist Church, 44 School St., Quincy, at 10 a.m. Interment to follow at Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree.

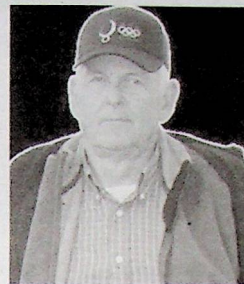
In lieu of flowers, donations in Marilyn's memory may be made to The Price Center, 27 Christina St., Newton, MA 02461, Pathway to Possible, 1301 Centre St., Newton, MA 02459, or to Good Shepherd Community Care, 160 Wells Ave., Newton, MA 02459.

You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

Richard D. Anderson, 85

Richard D. Anderson, 85, of Londonderry, NH, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Feb. 27, 1939 in Quincy, MA. He was a 1958 graduate of North Quincy High School as well as a 1963 graduate of Boston University receiving a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Technology. He received his master's degree from Central Michigan University in Management. Richard was a retired Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force serving 23 years. After retiring he was employed with General



RICHARD D. ANDERSON

Dynamics and EG&G as a logistics analyst. He was a 20 year resident of Pelham, NH.

Richard was the son of the late Johannes and Lucille (Stanley) Anderson. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Martha (Dunlap)

Anderson of Melrose, MA; two sons, James Anderson and wife Hali of Ijamsville, MD, and David Anderson of Londonderry; his daughter, Carol Fischer and husband Martin of Quincy, MA; seven grandchildren, Kelsey Fischer and husband Greg Montenegro, Jack Fischer, Stephen Anderson and wife Jessyca, Elizabeth Anderson, Colin Anderson, Dylan Anderson and Connor Anderson. He was predeceased by his sister, Christine Bridges.

Following cremation, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes of Derry and Londonderry are assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

Michael Walsh, 77

with Papa.

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MICHAEL WALSH

Michael Walsh, devoted and beloved husband of more than 51 years to Susan (Sullivan) Walsh and proud and dedicated father of Mike Walsh (wife Maggie) of Marshfield; Pam Walsh of Somerville, NJ; and Tom Walsh (wife Darcy) of Windsor, CA passed away at home after a brief battle with cancer at the age of 77.

Michael was Papa to eight treasured grandchildren – Katie, Jake, Owen, Keira, Noah, Rusty, Lilah, and McKenna – who kept him young at heart and was the reason for frequent trips across the country, up and down I-95 and to various local rinks, gyms, auditoriums and fields to watch them grow, compete and perform. It never mattered what the activity was, he was just happy to be there and support them. The blessing of his short battle was that everyone got the chance to come back to Weymouth and spend a little more time

Robert W. Kamb, 94

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Bob had a great sense of humor, and (most of the time) found it easy to laugh at himself, too. Space (and discretion) does not allow all the funny stories to be told, but those familiar will remember with a smile and chuckle the ladder from Bldg. # 19.

In his later years, in addition to wonderful neighbors,

he was blessed to have the attention, care, and love of his number one daughter-in-law, Lisa, who along with Steve, Mary, and a continual rotating cast of dear and loving friends, checked every day to see that he always had everything he needed for his care, safety and comfort, and whose love, devotion and sacrifice improved immensely the quality of his

final years, for which our entire family is eternally grateful.

Our beloved father was a good man, a solid and steady provider, an asset to his community, devoted husband, loving father, brother, brother-in-law, and uncle. He led an exemplary life, setting an example for his children of honor, duty, morality, dependability, hard work, reliability, and most of all, love. We will miss him, but we do not mourn him, instead we celebrate his cherished memory and the indelible mark he left on our hearts, and the legacy that carries on in the next generation.

A memorial Mass and celebration of life will be held in the spring.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Sweeney Brothers Home for Funerals, 1 Independence Ave., Quincy. You are invited to visit www.thesweeneybrothers.com or call 617-472-6344.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-49

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Phillip Baker for a Variance to convert the existing single family dwelling into a two family dwelling in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements and 5.1.4 Parking Setbacks and Paving on the premises numbered 115 Newbury Avenue, Quincy.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

12/19/24, 12/26/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-77

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Christopher Barbour for a Variance to add a second story to the front deck and add an attached shed to the rear corner of the dwelling in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 3.4.5 finding to extend a nonconforming structure and 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements on the premises numbered 87 Dorchester Street, Quincy, MA.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

12/19/24, 12/26/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-82

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Carlos Caraballo for a Variance and Special Permit/FPOD to construct a two story single family dwelling leaving the existing dwelling undisturbed in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 4.1.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements and 8.1.9 Special Permit/FPOD on the premises numbered 166 Vassall Street, Quincy, MA.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

12/19/24, 12/26/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Quincy Inspectional Services
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE NO. ZBA-24-86

Pursuant to the provisions of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance of the Quincy Zoning Board of Appeals as amended, an Open Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.** in the First Floor Meeting Room, Quincy City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02169, on the application of Attorney Patrick Foley for a Variance and Finding to construct a third story above the existing footprint in violation of the Quincy Zoning Ordinance 3.4.3 Rework a Nonconforming Structure and 5.1.4 Off Street Parking on the premises numbered 122 Hamden Circle, Quincy, MA.

Plans and specifications may be viewed online at <https://quincyma.portal.opengov.com/search>

Martin Aikens, Chairman

12/19/24, 12/26/24

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We miss you, Brian!*



FRANCIS X. BELLOTTI

MAY 3, 1923 -

FRANCIS "FRANK" BELLOTTI SERVED IN THE U.S. NAVY'S ELITE AMPHIBIOUS SCOUTS & RAIDERS FORCES, PRECURSOR TO THE NAVY SEAL'S, DURING WORLD WAR II. AFTER HIS SERVICE, FRANK BECAME A LAWYER AND SERVED THE PEOPLE OF MASSACHUSETTS AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL. HE CO-FOUNDED ARBELLA MUTUAL INSURANCE IN 1988.

FRANCIS X. BELLOTTI is among six notables with Quincy ties honored at the Quincy Navy Park at Squantum. His bronze and granite tribute appears above. The inscription reads: "Francis 'Frank' Bellotti served in the U.S. Navy's elite Amphibious Scouts & Raiders, precursor to the Navy SEAL'S, during World War II. After his service, Frank became a lawyer and served the people of Massachusetts as lieutenant governor and attorney general. He co-founded Arbella Mutual Insurance in 1988.

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Remembering Frank Bellotti

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NAAG awarded Frank the prestigious Louis C. Wyman Award recognizing the most outstanding attorney general in the U.S.

Frank was among the wave of new Democrats back in the 1950s. He shared a great story about JFK in that interview but the future president was not the reason Frank became a Democrat.

"When I grew up my mother worked for 18 dollars a week when men were getting 30 dollars. That's when I became a woman's rights advocate because I thought it was a family issue. I got about everything I ever had - the G.I. Bill, all of those things - because they were all Democratic programs."

John McCormack, long-time Bay State congressman who served as U.S. Speaker of the House, also influenced Frank's decision to become a Democrat.

"When he was speaker of the House, he used to campaign in the wards for me. I loved John McCormack and I liked Jack Kennedy, too. I campaigned with him when he ran for U.S. Senate. I remember he helped put up some of my signs at the Quincy Armory," Frank said.

JFK, Bellotti said, was so different that he doubted anyone like him will be seen again.

"I don't think anyone really understands how different Kennedy was," Frank recalled. "He's the only guy who made me feel in awe. I will never forget I went to one of his fundraisers and he had 6,000 people in the Commonwealth Armory. Kevin White and I are sitting one chair apart - the chair that Jack Kennedy will sit in.

"When Kennedy came into the room, it looked like he had a halo around his head. I'm not kidding you. I said to Kevin White, 'He really looks like a President.' And Kevin White says to me, 'He looks like the answer to everything in the world.'"

"Whether you liked him or not," Frank continued, "JFK had something that was different. I don't think it will ever be repeated. I sat beside him and he was talking to me and he was friendly but I was so uncomfortable because I was in such awe of him. He's the only guy that's ever affected me that way and I've been with all the Presidents - Carter, Reagan, Bush. I've met them all and I've talked to them all and nobody came close to what he had."

The courthouse dedication Sept. 23, 2012 brought Frank Bellotti's career full circle.

"Until I was elected attorney general (in 1974), that courthouse was a very important part of my life," he said. "I tried my first case there and I've tried hundreds of cases (criminal and civil) in that court. Because this courthouse was such a part of my professional life, that makes it very personal."

Frank Bellotti became the second person in Massachusetts to have a municipal or county courthouse named in his honor. The one before him: former Sen. Edward Brooke whose name appears on the Boston Municipal Courthouse.

Many offered tributes to Frank Bellotti on dedication day. Mayor Thomas Koch said, "Frank Bellotti is a legend, a skilled attorney, a dedicated public servant, a loyal husband, devoted father and grandfather, a mentor to many. This is truly



FRANCIS X. BELLOTTI acknowledges the applause from family, friends and past and present government officials as he is introduced at a Quincy District Court ceremony May 3, 2023 marking his 100th birthday. At right is First Justice Mark Coven. Bellotti, who served the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a lieutenant governor and attorney general, was honored at the 2023 Law Day ceremony in the courthouse that bears his name. Mr. Bellotti passed away Dec. 17. He was 101.

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FRANCIS X. BELLOTTI (right) with his son, Norfolk County Treasurer Michael Bellotti as they arrive for Frank's 100th birthday celebration at the Francis X. Bellotti Courthouse May 3, 2023. Michael Bellotti has followed in his father's footsteps in public service. He is a former state representative and former Norfolk County sheriff and is currently the Norfolk County treasurer.

Quincy Sun Photo/Robert Bosworth

a fitting. On behalf of the citizens of Quincy, we say 'congratulations Frank, long overdue.'"

Lynda Connolly, chief justice of Massachusetts District Courts, thanked Frank Bellotti for setting an example for all attorneys in the state. "I want to thank you for setting an example of what it means to be a lawyer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for bringing integrity to public service, and what it means to be real, human and kind."

Michael Bellotti, who has followed in the father's footsteps in public service (as a state representative, Norfolk County sheriff and

now Norfolk County treasurer), spoke about his dad's upbringing in Boston during the Great Depression.

"The story of Frank Bellotti is the story of an American experience," Mike told the gathering outside the courthouse. "The only child of an Italian immigrant, Peter Bellotti, who fought in World War I. My dad's father was hospitalized from the time dad was six months old. He died when my dad was 16 years old. He grew up in the Great Depression, raised by his mother Jenny. Like so many in this country at that time, they began with so little while at the same time had great expectations

for the future."

In May of 2023, family, friends and government colleagues past and present celebrated Frank's 100th birthday during a special Law Day ceremony at the courthouse that bears his name. Speaking on behalf of the Bellotti family, son Peter - who also embarked on a law career like his dad - said:

"Our family has been blessed. We've had our mother (Maggie Bellotti) with us for 98 years until this (2022) Christmas when she passed away. And we're lucky today to be here with all of you to celebrate our father's 100th birthday," Peter said. "Throughout our lives,

we learned valuable lessons from both of them and we've watched them and been inspired by them as they lived lives of purpose, meaning and fulfillment. We've always been proud of that and we continue to learn from them today."

Frank Bellotti touched innumerable lives. He made a profound positive difference in everything he did and succeeded in every facet of his life because he remained true to his values and to those he loved and served.

May his life and legacy be celebrated and remembered for years to come.

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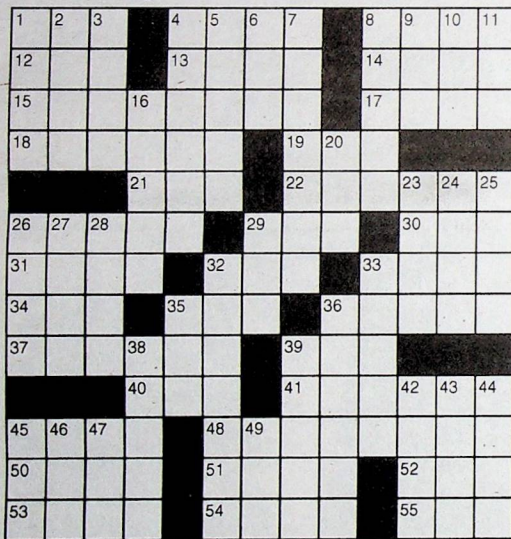
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4 Out of control
8 Appear ominously
12 Pioneering ISP
13 Kid's plea
14 "The Music Man" setting
15 Oafs
17 Daniel Craig role
18 "Homeland" star
19 Devious
21 ER workers
22 Persuades
26 Track races
29 Wee dollop
30 Goat's plaint
31 Symphonic gp.
32 Sleep acronym
33 Dick Tracy's love
34 Consumed
35 Chignon
36 Walking sticks
37 Persian king

DOWN

- 1 Body powder
2 Satan's purchase
3 — mater
4 Squirrel's stash
5 High points
6 Low digit
7 Big-screen airer of stadium smooches
8 Tripoli's land
9 Tic-tac-toe win
10 Possess
11 Irate
16 Wharton's

"House of —"

- 20 Arcing tennis shot
23 Marvel superheroes
24 Lighten
25 Get lippy
26 Deception
27 Deco artist
28 Computer brand
29 Lion's home
32 Exit in haste
33 Cardio-boxing routine
35 Wager
36 Seals and — (soft rock duo)
38 Noble gas
39 Group of eight
42 Chopping tools
43 Jeans maker
44 Romanov ruler
45 Transcript no.
46 British ref. work
47 Sugary suffix
49 Swiss canton



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MAGIC MAZE • "NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY"

O Z W T Q N K H D A X U R P M
J G D A X V S Y Q N K I F D A
X V T Q O M J E H F C A Y W Y
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C Y S N R E V A T A Z E A T X
W V U S R Q E R E V E S R E P

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A CLOSET FOR FOOD

Earnest Persevere Tears Yawners
Eats Renewers Teaser Years
News Sweet Trays Yesteryear
Partner Taverns Wavers

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ear is larger. 2. Button is added. 3. Apron is longer. 4. Broom is narrower. 5. Cash register is missing. 6. Aving is not as wide.

Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- MOVIES: What is the name of the snowman in the animated movie "Frozen"?
 - GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states does the Mississippi River run through or along?
 - ADVERTISING: Which product uses a cartoon character whose first and middle names are Horatio Magellan?
 - MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," how many "geese a-laying" are given to the narrator's true love?
 - FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nuts are in a Snickers candy bar?
 - BIOLOGY: What is epimorphic regeneration?
 - TELEVISION: Who

starred in the 1980s exercise video series "Sweatin' to the Oldies"?

- ANATOMY: How much of the human brain is made up of fat?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many cups are in a pint?
- LITERATURE: Which famous author often uses Castle Rock as a setting in his novels?

Answers

- Olaf.
- 10 states.
- Cap'n Crunch cereal.
- Six.
- Peanuts.
- Regeneration of a specific part of an organism, like when a lizard can regrow a tail.
- Richard Simmons.
- 60%.
- Two.
- Stephen King.

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Wishing Well®

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A Z L E C D E R O D D L R
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E S E V D A T R E A E P E

HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Sharing the joys of the celebrations that mark this time with your loved ones can help reinforce your devotion to them. You'll treasure the reactions you get in return.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Enjoy the parties and pleasures of this week with families and friends. A holiday romance could take you well into the New Year -- and maybe beyond!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your loved ones help make this week's celebrations especially meaningful. Make time to do some serious thinking about the decisions that you'll soon be facing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Love of home and family is reinforced during this last week of the year. This could be your chance to open up about secrets that you've held on to for far too long.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy this week's special round of merriment with loved ones who adore you, whether you're roaring with delight at a party or purring with affection at home.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This last week of the year is a good time to assess what you've done and reassess how recent changes might affect your plans for the coming year.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Balance the festive aspects of this last week of the year with honest reflection about the relationships you truly value and those you think might have become irrelevant.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Celebrate the week's festivities knowing that you'll be able to invest what you've learned over the past year into opportunities that await you in 2025.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Share the merry moments of this week with the wonderful people who have loved you and encouraged you to realize your dreams.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As this week of celebration moves into history, the sage Sea Goat takes their high place in the Zodiac to judge the past and face the future.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Enjoy the last merry-making week of the year knowing that you've done well in 2024 and that you're ready to confront the challenges of 2025!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) When you ultimately emerge from the celebrations of this week, you'll find yourself with many new friends whom you'll take into the next year!

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of self that makes people feel comfortable and confident in your presence.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: R equals T

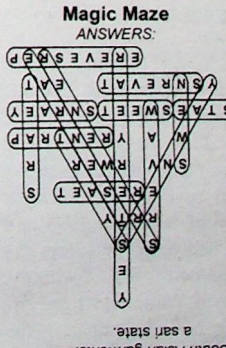
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BAJSD RGDQXDHYDQ UM HVMF
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J QJAU QRJRD.

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Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.



Country division in which people always drape themselves in long South Asian garments: a sarf state.

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD – Move over “Wicked,” “Moana 2” and “Gladiator II”! The New York Film Critics Circle named “The Brutalist” (shot for \$10 million) as the Best Film of 2024 and its star, Adrien Brody (an Oscar winner for “The Pianist”), as the Best Actor of 2024.

In the film, Brody plays László Tóth, a Hungarian-Jewish architect who immigrated to the United States after World War II. It also stars Felicity Jones and Guy Pearce.

The New York Film Critics Circle also named Marianne Jean-Baptiste as the Best Actress for “Hard Truths.” “Succession’s” Kieran Culkin was named as the Best Supporting Actor for “A Real Pain,” co-starring Jesse Eisenberg – who also wrote, produced and directed the film. Carol Kane was named as the Best Supporting Actress for “Between the Temples,” co-starring Jason Schwartzman.

They also singled out the historical drama “Nickel Boys,” which follows two African-American boys who are sent to an abusive reform school in 1960s Florida. Its budget was \$23.2 million. These are the low-budget gems to watch for!

“Wicked” fans, please don’t hate me! I was disappointed by “Wicked: Part I,” which cost \$150 million to make. I found it unexciting and reminiscent of “Wonka.” Galinda/Glinda (Ariana Grande), was made to look vain, self-centered and vapid, not at all like Glinda the Good Witch in “The Wizard of Oz.” Meanwhile, Elphaba (Cynthia Erivo) was painted as the good witch who wanted to save the animals in Oz. The film finally came alive when they reached the Emer-

ald City, but the transformation of the Flying Monkeys was uninspired. There were basically only two songs that are memorable: “Popular” and “Defying Gravity.” Still, you can’t argue with grosses, and although “Wicked” fell behind “Moana 2” (also a \$150-million cost), it is nonetheless impressive as it reaches \$527.8 million.

Timothée Chalamet wrapped the Bob Dylan biopic “A Complete Unknown” in June and has since moved on to the sports drama “Marty Supreme,” co-starring Gwyneth Paltrow; Tyler, the Creator; Penn Jillette; “The Nanny’s” Fran Drescher; and “Shark Tank’s” Kevin O’Leary.

Matthew McConaughey has been busy making two new films. The first is a crime thriller titled “The Rivals of Amziah King,” co-starring Kurt Russell and Cole Sprouse. McConaughey plays a mentor to his former foster child after the loss of her mother. He will also star in Apple TV+’s “The Lost Bus” with America Ferrera.

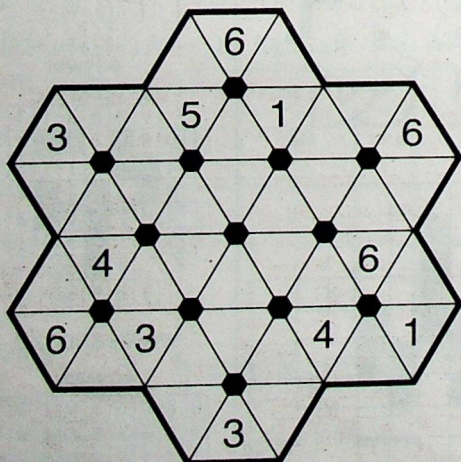
Former “Baywatch” babe Pamela Anderson has landed the role she was born to play. In “The Last Showgirl,” she’s the star of a perennial Las Vegas revue that’s abruptly canceled with only two weeks’ notice. Screenwriter Kate Gersten offers: “Pamela is the only person who could have ever actually played this role. It fit her like a glove from day one.” The film follows the lives of multifaceted characters who find solace in the Vegas strip’s intoxicating glow. There’s not that much of a difference between bikinis and jeweled bras and knickers!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	+		x		= 56
+		+		-	
	-		x		= 35
÷		÷		x	
	+		+		= 10
=		=		=	
14		2		6	

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KOVELS Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Calendar Clocks – Happy New Year! When the clock strikes midnight on Jan. 1, it’s time to open your new calendar and look ahead. Or maybe you have a clock like this one, with a built-in calendar.

Calendar clocks were developed about 1850. That’s about when this one, which sold for \$5,100 at Cottone Auctions, was made. Its rear movement plate is marked for Constantin-Louis Detouche (1810-1889), a famous Paris clockmaker in the 19th century. He worked for his father’s clockmaking business until 1830, when he started his own. He was later appointed official clockmaker to Napoleon III, who was crowned emperor in 1852.

Detouche sold clocks and scientific instruments, and he was known for the precision and craftsmanship of his creations. This clock’s perpetual calendar dial is said to automatically correct for the days of each month, even in leap years. It was Detouche’s own design.

Q: I purchased this train at a tag sale 10 years ago. My grandsons have outgrown it. I have looked several places and cannot find anything on this train as to a value. The train tracks are mounted to plywood and can easily be carried. The train is made of wood and not painted. The top of the box reads “Eichhorn Holz-Gartenbahn.”

A: Your train was made by Eichhorn, a German company founded by Hermann Eichhorn in Bavaria in 1949. The company made wooden toys, starting with puzzle blocks.

They were making wooden railway toys by 1950 and made their first train and track sets in 1961. Their early train sets were painted, but in the 1970s, they started making unpainted trains from natural wood. Around this time, they also started using synthetic material for their tracks and replaced their hook-and-eye train couplers with magnets. In the 1980s, they returned to painted trains and real wood tracks. The company became part of the Simba-Dickie Toy Group in 1998 and is still in business today. They appeal to today’s customers by promoting wood as a safe, sustainable material for toys. Vintage Eichhorn toys tend to sell online, in shops or at auctions for under \$50.

TIP: Brush fur in the direction it grows. If brushed the other way, the hairs will break off.

CURRENT PRICES

• Paper, book, English Rustic Pictures, woodblock prints, black and white, India Proof paper, coated parchment binding, Walker & Pinwell, Brothers Dalziel, \$60.

• Toy, fire truck, sit and ride, painted, red, yellow seat and steering wheel, two ladders, bell, Wyandotte, c. 1940, 31 inches, \$180.

• Silver-American, tankard, hinged lid, armorial engraving, monogram, horizontal ridges around base, pseudo hallmarks, late 1700s, 8 x 8 1/2 inches, \$2,560.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Below are three squeezer puzzles. Can you find the correct word to be placed in the middle of each to create two new words, one front-end, one back-end? Here’s an example of how it works:

ever GREEN horn

- 1) touch _____ wall
- 2) death _____ band
- 3) feather _____ less

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Strange BUT TRUE

• Jim Cummings, who voices Winnie the Pooh, calls sick children in hospitals and talks to them in the character’s voice. He once phoned a little girl who was fighting cancer, and her mother told him it was the first time the child had smiled in six months.

• The odds of giving birth to a baby at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1 are around 1 in 526,000 – roughly the same as the odds of getting struck by lightning.

• In ancient Greece, throwing an apple at a woman was considered a marriage proposal.

• Iceland has one of the largest gun ownership rates in the world, but one of the lowest crime rates in the world.

• The dragon tree of the Canary Islands is famous for its thick, deep-red sap. Called dragon’s blood, the resin might be responsible for the intense hue of the famous Stradivarius violins built in

the 17th and 18th centuries.

• All telephone service in the U.S. and Canada was silenced for one minute on Aug. 4, 1922, to mark the funeral of Alexander Graham Bell.

• Lawyer James Thornton successfully sued the U.K. government to admit that it was breaching legal limits for air pollution.

• The East China Sea parts annually and exposes a narrow 2.9 km-long strip of land, allowing thousands of people to cross from Jindo Island to Mado Island of Korea. This land is exposed about an hour each day for approximately four days every year.

Thought for the Day: “If you want evidence that the world is a terrible place, watch the news and surf the web. But if you want to remember how incredible this planet is, go out into nature. Unlike social media and the news, nature has no incentive to keep us agitated, angry and anxious.” – Austin Perlmutter

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Now here’s a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• “Fill a quart-size zip-top bag with water and double-bag it, making sure there is no air in the bag. Place it inside the toilet tank, on the opposite side from the pump. Secure it there, if you can. This will displace some of the water when you flush, and you will use less water as a consequence.” – E.S. in Florida

• If you have a stained porcelain sink, try using it to soak your stained garments. The presoak can do double duty on the stained sink and washable alike.

• To make your own bread crumbs without a chopper or blender, place dry bread pieces in a plastic bag. Use a rolling pin to “roll” them to crumbs.

• Save water in the shower by using your kitchen timer, set for no more than 5 minutes. If you can find a digital one, you will know better how much

time you have left. After a little while, you almost don’t need the timer.

• “If you seal your jelly jars with wax, here’s a good tip for you: Place a small piece of string into the wax before it hardens. Then you’ll be able to pull on the wax to remove the wax when you are ready to enjoy your home-made goodies!” – U.L. in Maine

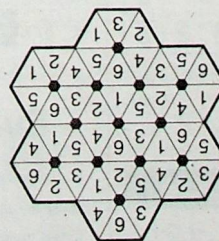
• “Laundry stain removers can be good to remove stains from concrete drives. For instance, my relatives’ car was leaking, and I was able to get the stains from my pavers using a spray and wash stain remover that I borrowed from the laundry room. It worked very well.” – S.E. in Arkansas

Send your tips to Now Here’s a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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SNOWFLAKES

solution



Go Figure!

	6	2		14	
=		=		=	
10	9	+	3	+	1
	×		+		+
93	7	×	4	-	6
	-		+		+
99	8	×	2	+	5

feather WATCH band
death WATCH band
touch STONE wall

Sticklers
Answer

Super Crossword

JANUARY 1 FUN

ACROSS

- 1 Drag race vehicle
8 Schlus, e.g.
11 Stinging flier
15 Contributed
19 Halloween mask feature
20 Hoodwink
21 Falco of TV
22 Leave off
23 Tendency toward chaos
24 Fido's noise
25 * Star of the 1950s TV series "China Smith"
27 BLT seller
28 Naval forces
30 — Field (Mr. Met's home)
31 * Getting tired
34 Baby bird
38 Evergreen with red arils
39 Actress Polo
40 Stephen of "V for Vendetta"
42 Young moray, e.g.
43 Cowl wearer
45 * Hope when the situation is desperate
51 Mosque official
54 Scrooge portrayer Alastair

DOWN

- 55 Minerals in thin sheets
56 * "Vanity Fair" novelist
61 "One World" musician John
65 Holders of frozen cubes
66 Girl in the fam
67 "Insecure" actress
69 — Hawkins dance
70 Astonishment
73 E'en if
75 Actor Bridges
76 Fathers
79 Auditing gp.
81 Was disgusting to
84 Deep desires
85 * Period superseded by auto-mobiles
89 Ragtime pianist Blake
90 Aficionado
91 Large cut
92 * Three-part novel by Gertrude Stein
98 Green-light
102 Removal of restrictions, for short
103 RV refuge org.

6 Of Swiss mountains

- 7 Playa del —
8 Climb up
9 Divided
10 Get by logic
11 Joins closely
12 Org. for cavity fixers
13 Thereafter
14 Counterparts of manis
15 Cousin of a chimpanzee
16 Poehler of "Baby Mama"
17 Fight (lor)
18 Zeta follower
19 Not fooled by
20 Jaggied, as a leaf's edge
21 "When I Need You" singer Leo
22 Hopper of old gossip
23 Fake coins
24 Not fooled by
25 Previous to
26 Globe
27 Ergo
28 Japanese noodle type
29 In no danger
30 Playwright O'Neill
31 Links letters
32 Dangerous
33 Vetoing vote
34 Sierra, Yukon and Acadia
35 Trendy berry
36 Shells out
37 Boggy areas
38 Motorists' gp.
39 Very thin, as clouds
40 "It matters to me"
41 Escorted from outside
42 Org. with bag screeners
43 The whole — and caboodle
44 Fox-sighting cry
45 Jagged, as a leaf's edge
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58 Vetoing vote
59 Boomer's kid

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q: I finally subscribed to Paramount+ and started watching the newer episodes of "Criminal Minds." I'm happy that most of the cast is back, but what about Matthew Gray Gubler? — D.E.

A: "Criminal Minds" ran on CBS for 15 seasons and ended in 2020, before it was rebooted as "Criminal Minds: Evolution" two years later on Paramount+. Much of the original cast returned, including Joe Mantegna, Paget Brewster, A.J. Cook, and Kirsten Vangsness. However, one person who was noticeably absent was Matthew Gray Gubler, a fan favorite as super-intellectual agent Spencer Reid.

Showrunner Erica Messer explained to Parade magazine that there's always room for Gubler. Since the seasons are shorter with fewer episodes, the window of opportunity to land another busy actor is much smaller with streaming than with network television. Gubler was busy for a few years filming the show "Dollface" as well as writing children's books. (He's authored two New York Times bestsellers: "Rumple Buttercup" and "The Little Kid with the Big Green Hand.")

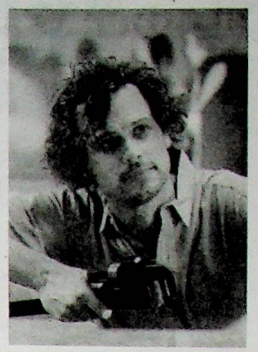
Fortunately, since the interview with Messer, the show has been able to secure Gubler for one upcoming episode of

"Evolution." Season three of the series recently wrapped filming, but it won't premiere on Paramount+ until sometime in 2025. It appears the only thing standing in the way of Gubler joining the cast full-time is his starring role in a series that is currently being developed at CBS called "Einstein." If it gets picked up, this will certainly limit his availability once again for "Evolution."

Q: Is it true that there will be a "Yellowstone" spin-off with Rip and Beth continuing their story? I hope so. — M.E.

A: Without spoiling the ending of the series finale of "Yellowstone," I can say there's a strong indication that the show will continue, likely in the form of a spin-off, with the love story of Rip and Beth. According to Deadline.com, both Cole Hauser and Kelly Reilly, who portray the respective characters, have reportedly signed deals to reprise their roles in a new spin-off that will contain the name "Yellowstone" in some capacity in the title.

Rebranding the show with a spin-off instead of just continuing season six allows Paramount to air episodes on its own streaming service, Paramount+. The current "Yellowstone" series has an exclusive deal with NBCUniversal and can only stream on the competing streamer Peacock. The spin-off will likely be a huge hit and moneymaker for Paramount.



Matthew Gray Gubler as Wes in "Dollface"

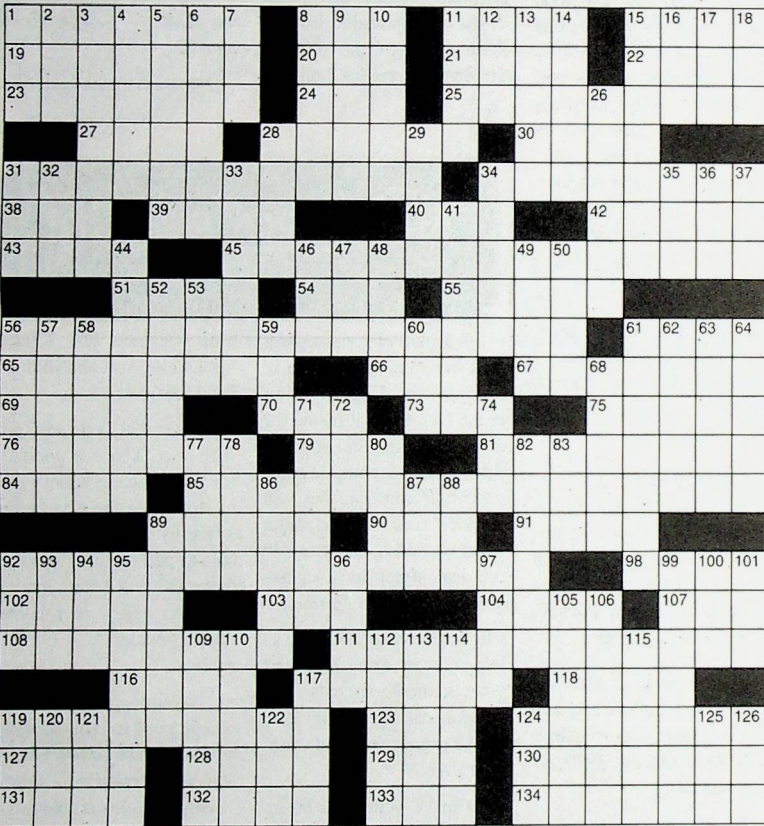
Courtesy of Hulu

Q: Is it true that Donald Trump Jr. and Kimberly Guilfoyle have called off their engagement? Will she return to Fox News? — F.T.

A: Yes, the couple have split after Trump Jr. was spotted with another flame, a socialite from Florida named Bettina Anderson. Prior to their relationship, Guilfoyle was a host on the afternoon Fox News talk show "The Five" but left after she was accused of sexual harassment by an assistant. It's doubtful that she would be able to return to Fox. In fact, she's recently been nominated to serve as a United States Ambassador to Greece by incoming president Donald Trump.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. First day of the week — — — — — Y Ice cream parlor treat — — — — — E
2. Roost — — — — — C Australian city — — — — — T
3. Banquet — — — — — F Bread riser — — — — — Y
4. Pantry — — — — — D Bigger — — — — — G
5. Wilma's neighbor — — — — — T Flag maker — — — — — S
6. Lorry — — — — — C Car's storage unit — — — — — N
7. Singer Swift — — — — — Y Clothes maker — — — — — I
8. Pavlova's dance — — — — — A Pistol's projectile — — — — — U
9. Toss — — — — — W Pulsate — — — — — B
10. Night sky hunter — — — — — R Pungent bulb — — — — — N

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Weekly SUDOKU



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

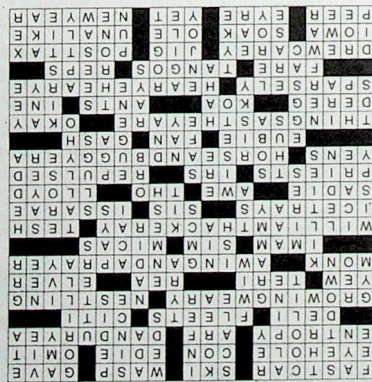
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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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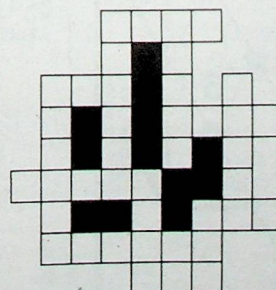
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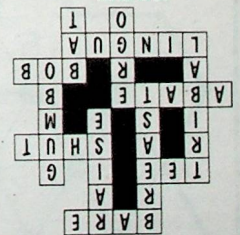
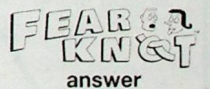
1. Sunday, Sundae
2. Perth, Perth
3. Feast, Yeast
4. Larder, Larger
5. Betty, Betsy
6. Truck, Trunk
7. Taylor, Tailor
8. Ballet, Bullet
9. Throw, Throb
10. Orion, Orion



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BLARTI
TABEA
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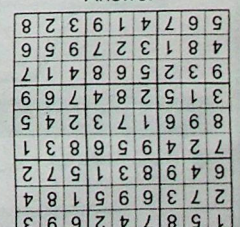


Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer



Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



A safe and happy Christmas to all, large and small

DEAR READERS: As we prepare for Christmas in this hectic holiday season, it's a wonderful opportunity to spend time with all of them and celebrate togetherness. But the holiday season can also present dangers to your pets, especially if you have a lot of guests over. Here are some important safety tips:

- Don't let dogs drink from the Christmas tree's water pan; it may be contaminated with dirt and debris from the tree trunk or parts of decorations (like tinsel and fake snow) that can harm them.
- In fact, just keep pets away from the tree in general. Cats love to jump up and knock glass ornaments from the branches; dogs may chew on the pine needles or candy canes.
- Scented candles can irritate pets; lit candles on low tables

can be knocked over. Keep them away from pets.

- Use sturdy, snap-top lids on garbage cans so pets don't sneak in to purloin tasty scraps. Some of that food can be harmful to them, like onions, garlic or raisins.
- Put chocolate and sugar-free candies out of reach of pets; both present toxic dangers to them (cocoa and xylitol sweetener).
- During parties and dinners, place your pets in a safe room with water, food and toys. They'll be much happier without the noise and bustle, and you won't have the stress of keeping an eye out for them.

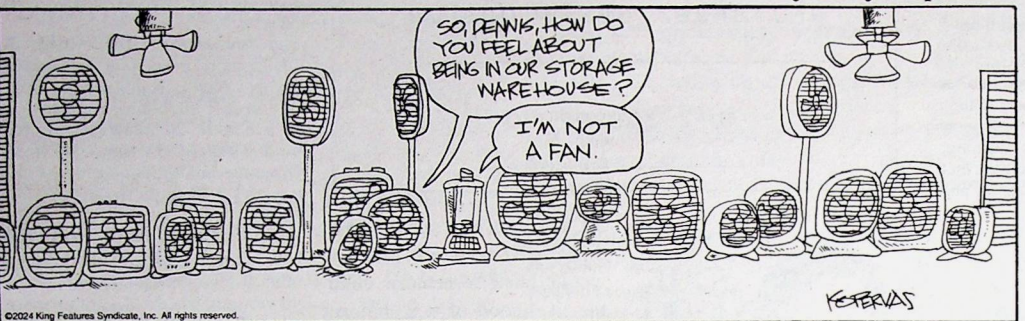
Finally, once the hectic unwrapping of gifts and serving of food is over, make some space and time to relax with your pets. After all, the holiday season is all about being with loved ones - and our pets are part of the family group!

A very merry Christmas to all my readers, far and wide. Thank you for making this world a wonderful place for all our pets, great and small.

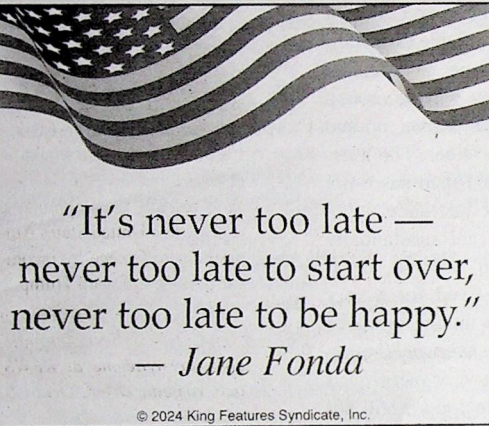
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

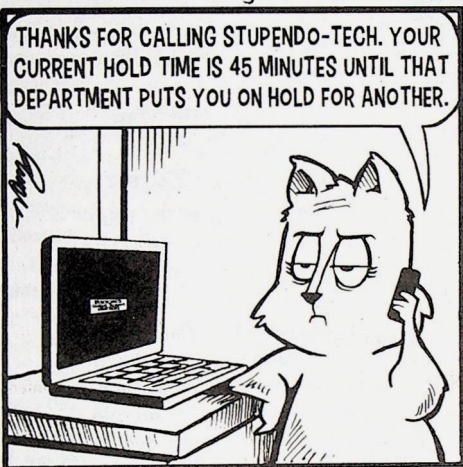


Americanisms



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



WORD LADDERS

Can you go from BLAME to TRACE in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

BLAME

TRACE

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Share

ORIENT

Astute

MRATS

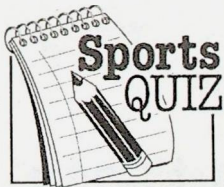
Pivot

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Grudge

PESTI

TODAY'S WORD



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What Swedish tennis player won the Australian Open, French Open and U.S. Open singles titles in 1988?
2. At the 2024 Paris Games, Greco-Roman wrestler Mijain Lopez became the first Olympic athlete in any sport to win five gold medals in the same individual event. For what country did he compete?
3. Name the goalkeeper who started for Brazil in its 1958 and '62 FIFA World Cup championships and was awarded with the FIFA Order of Merit in 1998.
4. What bowler was the first to complete the PBA career triple crown - winning the U.S. Open, PBA National Championship

and Tournament of Champions - when he accomplished the feat between 1963-69? (Hint: His son is a comedian and TV personality.)

5. Since 2008, the college football rivalry game between the Ole Miss Rebels and the LSU Tigers has been known as what?

6. Bananas T. Bear is the mascot of what university's athletic teams?

7. In August 2022, New York Yankees pitcher Aroldis Chapman was placed on the injured list for an infection in his leg caused by what?

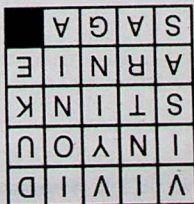
Answers

1. Mats Wilander.
2. Cuba.
3. Gilmar.
4. Billy Hardwick (his son is Chris Hardwick).
5. The Magnolia Bowl.
6. The University of Maine Black Bears.
7. A recent tattoo.

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Micro Crossword

Answer



WORD LADDER

Answer

GRADE, TRADE, TRACE, BLAME, BLADE, GLADE,

SCRAMBLERS

solution

Today's Word
1. Rotate 2. Smart
3. Rotate 4. Split

Micro Crossword

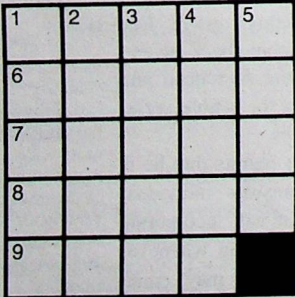
By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

- 1 Lively, as one's dreams
- 6 Kylie Minogue's "I Believe ____"
- 7 Unpleasant brouhaha
- 8 Nickname for golfer Palmer
- 9 Epic tale

Down

- 1 Travel documents
- 2 Prefix with mural or galactic
- 3 In competition



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STREAMING SOURCE

Here's what to watch and where to watch it for the week of December 30, 2024

ON NOW: "Full Metal Jousting" (Season 1) - Hulu

30-Dec: "Darby & Joan" (Season 2) - Acorn TV

30-Dec: "Inside Look: Nosferatu" (Documentary) - Peacock

31-Dec: "Michelle Buteau: A Buteau-ful Mind at Radio City Music Hall" (Comedy Special) - Netflix

31-Dec: "A Quiet Place: Day One" (R) - Prime Video

1-Jan: "Don't Die: The Man Who Wants to Live Forever" (Documentary) - Netflix

1-Jan: "Schindler's List" (R) - Netflix

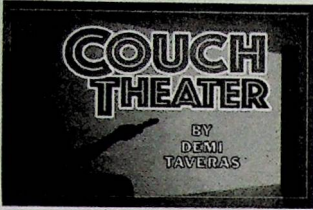
2-Jan: "Lockerbie: A Search for Truth" (Limited Series) - Peacock

3-Jan: "Selling the City" (Season 1) - Netflix

3-Jan: "Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl" (PG) - Netflix

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QUINCY SUN FUN



"Maria" (R) — Angelina Jolie is well on her way to winning an Oscar, thanks to this biographical drama film that transforms her into opera singer Maria Callas. "Maria" is the third film in director Pablo Llorain's trilogy about 20th-century women, the first being "Jackie" (2016) and the second being "Spencer" (2021). During her final years in the 1970s, Maria is living in Paris to avoid the public eye, yet she can't help but reminisce on the experiences throughout her life that led to her becoming a renowned artist. Maria's intense connection to the stage and music is portrayed in such a way that fully draws the audience into her personal world. Jolie spent seven months training to sing opera for the film, which is available now. (Netflix)

"Laid" (TV-MA) — Based on the Australian series of the same name, this new series stars Academy Award nominee Stephanie Hsu ("Everything Everywhere All at Once"). Hsu plays Ruby, a single woman dealing with the qualms of the modern dating scene when she suddenly hears news of one of her exes dying. As the days go on, Ruby hears more and more news that a whopping six of her ex-boyfriends have mysteriously died. Wracked with guilt, even though it's not her fault, Ruby decides to go on a mission with her best friend, AJ (Zosia Mamet), to track down all of her exes and inform them of their impending deaths. All eight episodes are out now. (Peacock)

"Ilana Glazer: Human Magic" (TV-MA) — Comedian Ilana Glazer ("Broad City") is back with a new special that talks about the magic of being

human. Now a new parent, Glazer walks us through their perspective of parenthood, how life has evolved for them, and the magic that is childbirth. In their signature no-filter style, they also take us back into their awkward high school years and dive into the ugly (yet funny!) truths about being a human. This is Glazer's second special following "The Planet Is Burning," and it was taped in Toronto during their 48-city tour across the U.S. and Canada this year. (Hulu)



Kate Winslet, left, and Saoirse Ronan star in "Ammonite."

In Case You Missed It
"Ammonite" (R) — This romantic-drama film went under the radar after its release a few years ago, with complaints from viewers about its slow pacing and scarce dialogue. But for those who appreciate a palpable on-screen chemistry and beautiful cinematography, "Ammonite" is a must-watch. Starring Kate Winslet ("The Regime") and Saoirse Ronan ("Blitz"), the film follows British paleontologist Mary Anning (Winslet), a recluse who's stuck taking care of her embittered and ill mother. One day, while Mary's working in her shop, the melancholic Charlotte Murchison (Ronan) wanders in with her husband, and the two women are forced to become friends. Through this friendship and their eventual affair, Mary opens herself up to the world in a way that she never thought possible before, while Charlotte starts to overcome her deep-seated depression. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

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Contract Bridge

THE RABBIT-IN-THE-HAT TRICK

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 8 3
♥ Q 6
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ A K 8 5

WEST
♠ 4
♥ J 9 5 2
♦ K 7 4 2
♣ J 10 9 2

EAST
♠ 10 7 6
♥ K 7
♦ 8 6 5 3
♣ Q 7 6 4

SOUTH
♠ A K J 9 5 2
♥ A 10 8 4 3
♦ A
♣ 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
6 ♣

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

A declarer can't pull a rabbit out of a hat if there isn't one in there, but sometimes the rabbit is there and declarer doesn't know it. As a case in point, consider this deal where South is in six spades and West leads a club.

Declarer wins with dummy's king and leads a diamond to the ace, followed by a low heart to dummy's queen. East wins with the king and returns a diamond, and South must

fail whatever he does next. He cannot successfully trump two hearts in dummy and eventually goes down one.

Oddly enough, after winning the opening club lead with the king, the play that offers the best chance to make the slam is to cash the ace of clubs at trick two and discard the ace of diamonds on it!

For practical purposes, this play assures the slam. It allows declarer to utilize dummy's Q-J-10-9 of diamonds and score three diamond tricks regardless of which defender has the king of the suit.

In the actual case, South leads dummy's queen of diamonds at trick three and discards a heart after East follows low. West takes the queen with the king but cannot stop South from scoring 12 tricks consisting of six spades, one heart, three diamonds and two clubs.

The outcome is the same if East has the king of diamonds. In that event, his king is trapped as the diamonds are led from dummy regardless of when he elects to play it, and declarer again scores three diamond tricks. Of course, when South sooner or later draws trump, he cashes the A-K before leading a third round to the queen to collect whatever diamonds remain in dummy.

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by Steve Becker

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by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

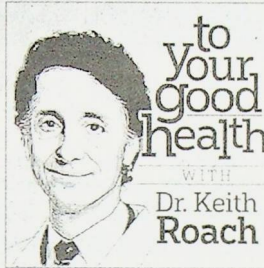
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I P X E P D I S J T U N B T U S F F T

H F U S F B E Z G P S B Q B S U Z ?

U I F Z T Q S V D F V Q

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Eighty-Year-Old Man Considers Having a Child With His Partner

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a reasonably healthy 80-year-old man who is fortunate enough to have a partner of child-bearing age. She would like to bear us a child, but I am concerned about any potential problems with my old genes and any birth defects that might be caused by them. Please help us decide. -- R.B.

ANSWER: This is a question I usually hear from my patients when they are in their 60s or 70s. Eighty is quite old to be considering fathering a child.

The first issue is that men get less fertile as we age. Older men are less likely to get their partners pregnant, and this difference is apparent by the age of 35. There are not good data for potential fathers in their 80s.

If you and your partner do have a successful pregnancy, there is an increased risk of deleterious genetic conditions and birth defects that are more likely in children who have older fathers. Down syndrome, which is normally associated with an advanced maternal age, is also more common among the offspring of older fathers.

Some heart conditions are more common. Epilepsy and schizophrenia are more common as well, as are autism spectrum disorders. Some cancer rates are increased. Babies are more likely to have a low birth weight, be born premature, and require the neonatal ICU.

However, the magnitude of the effect is modest. On average, 1 in 50 pregnancies with a father under the age of 30 will have one of the common health conditions that are studied in couples. With children who have a father over

50, the rate is 1 in 38. Even though the odds are that you would have a healthy child, the likelihood of a significant health issue for a man over 80 will be substantially more concerning. There just aren't data for men as old as you are that can give us a reliable estimate.

Another issue to consider is whether you will be around to see your child grow up and be there as a father. The average 80-year-old man has a life expectancy of just under eight years. If you are substantially healthier than average, or if your parents lived for a very long time, this number could be better. But the average 80-year-old (assuming your partner has the child while you are still 80) is not likely to see their child reach their 10th birthday. The early death of a father has a negative impact on the physical and mental health of a child.

I conclude that there are significant risks in bringing a child into the world at your age.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I got my first dose of Shingrix in 2022 and forgot to get the second. Do I need to get two more doses now or just one? -- L.B.S.

ANSWER: According to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the vaccine series does not need to be restarted, and you can just take the second dose.

However, this type of delayed administration hasn't been thoroughly tested. I've had patients come back several years after the first dose and elect to redo the whole series just to be sure.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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They spruce up
get ready for a party?
How do Christmas trees

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Planning 2025

I don't know what it is about hanging up a new calendar that makes me want to organize the whole year and set goals. But once again, as I hung up the 2025 calendar on the kitchen wall, I immediately began to consider how I might make the new year better and more productive.

As part of being "organized," I decided to set daily, weekly and monthly goals.

Here is what my 2025 will look like: On a daily basis I will do some form of exercise. (Let's see how long this lasts.) It might be 15 minutes on the treadmill, 20 minutes of bicep-building with hand weights. I'll spend 30 minutes on the piano, and for brain strength I'll do one or more crossword puzzles.

I will read one book per week. This shouldn't be too hard, thanks to Kindle Unlimited on Amazon. Each week I will vacuum, whether I want to or not, and complete one section in my free online French lessons (www.duolingo.com). I've already started playing online chess (see chess.com) against the computer as a skills brush-up before signing up for weekly in-person chess at the rec center.

Monthly I will try to increase my savings by cutting back on what I spend. This one might be tough. And I've already volunteered to make the morning hello calls from the senior center on four days next month.

In the middle of all that, I'll organize and plan for summer, when I'll grow a few vegetables. I'll vow to donate half the fresh veggies to the food bank. And I want to do a slow but thorough decluttering before next fall.

How about you? Does that new 2025 calendar with all the empty boxes make you want to fill them out? What will you do with your 2025?

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1. The Temptations were first known by what name?
2. Who wrote and released "Same Old Song and Dance"?
3. Which artist was the first to release "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother"?
4. Name the Gibb brother who released "I Just Want to Be Your Everything."
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "We used to have good times together. But now I feel them slip away. It makes me cry to see love die."

Answers

1. The Elgins. They were renamed the Temptations when they signed on with Motown in 1961.
2. Aerosmith, in 1974. It was penned by Steven Tyler. The version on the group's Greatest Hits album had 52 seconds cut out and the lyrics changed.
3. Kelly Gordon in 1969. The Hollies followed with what became the more widely known version, although it only topped the charts in South Africa. Years later, Bill Medley added his version to "Rambo III," in 1988.
4. Andy, on his debut album. The 1977 song was penned by his brother Barry.
5. "So Sad," by the Everly Brothers, in 1960. The song charted around the globe, and numerous artists released their own covers, including Steve Wariner and Emmylou Harris.

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Answer

QUINCY POLICE CRIME AWARENESS JOURNAL

Entries submitted by the Quincy Police Department

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

SHOPLIFT (female), 10:39 a.m., Walgreen's, 330 Hancock St. Suspect fled. Merchandise recovered. Store to handle.

DISORDER (two males), 2:36 p.m., YMCA, 79 Cod-dington St. In the parking lot. Verbal argument only. Peace restored.

LARCENY (cash), 4:11 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Stolen from cash back at the register. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (front door), 4:44 p.m., 100 block of Edwards St. Caller states there was a cinder-block thrown through her front door. Report to be filed.

UNARMED ROBBERY (male), 5:26 p.m., Stop & Shop, 495 Southern Arty. Caller states he threatened to hit him and also tried to Salvation Army donation bucket. One under arrest for unarmed robbery. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (detail), 6:02 p.m., H Mart, 101 Falls Blvd. Peace restored. Two customers escorted off property and sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT (female), 8:35 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Suspect issued a trespass notice and sent on the way. Store to handle.

DISORDER (two females), 10:58 p.m., Neponset Landing, 2 Hancock St. Peace restored. All involved sent on the way.

DISORDER (large fight), 11:23 p.m., Darcy's Village Pub, 93 Willard St. Person who was the problem left prior to officers' arrival. Peace restored.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

DISORDER (Uber Eats order), 11:09 a.m., Spruce St. Peace restored.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY (past), 2:31 p.m., Thomas Crane Public Library, 40 Washington St. Report to be filed. Refused EMS.

ASSAULT (male), 4:20 p.m., Dunkin' Donuts, 364 Sea St. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (parking lot), 4:33 p.m., CVS, 626 South-ern Arty. Intoxicated males left prior to police arrival. All in order now.

SHOPLIFT (multiple items), 5:30 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Stolen items recovered. Walmart was able to identify suspects and sent the suspects on the way. Store to handle.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

BREAKING AND ENTERING IN PROGRESS (male party), 2:40 p.m., 85 Curtis Ave. Arrest for break-ing and entering daytime and straight violation of probation warrant. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (stroller missing), 2:41 p.m., Marshall School, 200 Moody St. Ext. Larceny report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (to vehicle), 4:04 p.m., 140 block of Pine St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (three females), 5:46 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Report to be filed. Trespassed indefinitely.

SHOPLIFT (holding one female), 7:47 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Trespass notice issued. Suspect sent on the way and advised.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

DISORDER (assault), 2:01 a.m., Royal Hot Pot Sushi Bar, 227 Parkingway. One under arrest for defacing prop-erty and assault and battery. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (shouting in hall), 4:54 a.m., 95 West Squantum St. Responding units report all quiet on the tenth floor at this time.

LARCENY (package), 10:35 a.m., Richard St. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (stroller), 12:12 p.m., Keating St. Incident number provided.

LARCENY (loading dock equipment), 5:14 p.m., H Mart, 301 Falls Blvd. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (past), 5:59 p.m., 110 Billings St. Report to be filed.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (commercial), 7:32 a.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (owner and customer), 9:12 a.m., Joe's Market Place, 260 Centre St. Customer issued a trespass notice and sent on the way.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE

(past), 3:18 p.m., The Moorings, 420 East Squantum St. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/PAST (purse stolen), 4:48 p.m., 160 block of Highland Ave. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (ongoing), 7:20 p.m., 7-Eleven, 76 Frank-lin St. Report to be filed.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

WORKING FIRE (flames), 3:42 a.m., 169 Parking-way. Second caller reports Petco is on fire. Another caller states the garbage compactor is fully engulfed behind Petco. QFD extinguished fire which was mostly contained to com-pactor.

LARCENY (past/wallet), 10:01 a.m., YMCA, 79 Cod-dington St. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (follow up), 11:19 a.m., 7 Crown Dr. Case number provided and report to be filed.

DISORDER (two females), 11:54 a.m., 1509 Hancock St. Unknown weapons. Caller can only hear it. Unable to see anything. Verbal only. Peace restored. All involved sent on the way.

SHOPLIFT (detained in office), 1:19 p.m., Target, 289 Hancock St. Trespass notice issued by loss prevention officer. Report to be filed.

LARCENY (package), 1:22 p.m., 120 block of Centre St. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (past), 1:41 p.m., Home Depot, 177 Wil-lard St. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (past), 3:28 p.m., Hancock Adams Com-mon, 1301 Hancock St. Disturbance involving a religious group. Community Service Unit to handle. Peace restored and CSU will follow up.

SHOPLIFT (female fled), 6:44 p.m., Marshalls, 141 Newport Ave. Gone on arrival. Report to be filed.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY (graffiti), 9:40 p.m., 30 block of Hollis Ave. Report to be filed.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

DISORDER (two males), 5:35 a.m., Fr. Bill's Place, 39 Broad St. Peace restored. All involved sent on their way and advised.

DISORDER (fighting), 2:08 p.m., Fr. Bill's Place, 39 Broad St. Peace restored. One of the people involved issued

a trespass notice and sent on the way.

LARCENY (past), 2:10 p.m., 7 Crown Dr. Report to be filed.

DISORDER (in progress), 2:11 p.m., Point Liquors, 230 Washington St. Peace restored. All involved sent on the way.

DISORDER (intoxicated female), 2:37 p.m., 20 block of Lawrence St. Peace restored. One transported to local hospital.

LARCENY/BIKE (past), 3:26 p.m., 200 Falls Blvd. No suspect info. Report to be filed.

BREAKING AND ENTERING/MOTOR VEHICLE (past), 4:06 p.m., 100 block of Newbury Ave. No suspect info. Case number provided. Report to be filed.

SHOPLIFT (male), 6:44 p.m., Marshalls, 141 New-port Ave. Case number provided. Task force units to follow up. Suspect was gone on arrival.

SHOPLIFT (two males), 7:32 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Suspects identified and sent on the way. Store to handle.

SHOPLIFT (cosmetics), 9:11 p.m., Walgreen's, 132 Granite St. Suspect identified, issued a trespass notice and sent on the way by the manager.

SHOPLIFT (attempting), 10:11 p.m., Stop & Shop, 65 Newport Ave. Store got all the items back and male was sent on the way. Store to handle.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

DISORDER (over parking), 8:25 a.m., 30 block of El-lis St. One of the persons involved went on their way. Peace restored.

DISORDER (fare dispute), 1:29 p.m., 2001 Marina Dr. Both taxi driver and customer are screaming at each other. Cab driver paid. Peace restored.

DISORDER (outside), 1:58 p.m., 1520 Hancock St. Two males fighting physically outside. All in order on ar-rival.

SHOPLIFT (fled in car), 2:45 p.m., Walmart, 301 Falls Blvd. Suspects fled in a vehicle. Report to be filed.

WORKING FIRE (car on fire), 10:46 p.m., 30 Sul-livan Rd. Case number provided to vehicle owner. QFD to handle. Car towed.

OBITUARY

Michael Walsh, 77

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Michael was the only son of the late Ann and Thaddeus Walsh of Dorchester and the "baby brother" of his late sister, Sister Andrea Walsh, SND. He was close with his extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws; and was the "adopted" nephew of many of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Michael grew up on Dorchester Avenue where he went to St. Gregory's elementary school, enjoyed playing in the park across the street and had fond memories of playing hockey during the winters when they would flood the park into a makeshift rink. For high school, Michael traveled from Dorchester to St. Mary's in Cambridge which was very fortunate as he would often meet his future wife Susan on the train during this commute to high school. Michael was an original "DIYer," a lifelong tinkerer and mechanic so after graduating high school from St. Mary's he went on to East Coast Aero Techni-cal School in Bedford, MA to learn how to be an aircraft mechanic.

He quickly put those skills to use when he en-

listed in the Navy in 1968 (at the height of the Vietnam War) and became a helicop-ter mechanic stationed in San Diego; Atsugi Japan; and on several aircraft car-riers on Yankee Station off the coast of Vietnam. Dur-ing his Naval service he was assigned to a couple of helicopter squadrons, HS-6 and most notable HC-7 (the Big Mothers), the US Na-vy's only dedicated combat search and rescue squadron and the most highly deco-rated Navy aviation unit in the Vietnam war. It was with HC-7 that Michael met Al-lexander Techky and they would remain great friends for the rest of his life. Short-ly after his enlistment ended and Michael returned to Massachusetts, he married the love of his life Susan, and they started their life together in a small apart-ment in Weymouth. Michael worked as a mechanic at several car dealerships and garages to support his grow-ing family before joining the Postal Service. It was at the Post Office where he met many of his closest friends and would end up spending the rest of his career as a maintenance mechanic until he retired in 2017.

Michael and Susan raised their children in Quincy be-fore moving back to Wey-mouth where Michael spent his time ensuring that Nana and Papa's pool was pristine so the kids and grandkids could gather for cookouts and a swim. While Mi-chael loved the pool and woodworking and mowing the lawn, he loved nothing more than his wife, Susan, his children, and his grand-children (and maybe his first car, an Olds 442). As a dad, Michael taught by example. He was always there to help friends and family alike. He was the first call for many if there was an issue with the car, or the plumbing, or the heat, or the roof needed shingling, or you wanted to build a shed or a deck, or just needed a ride. He would be there shortly with a tool belt or toolbox to help and spent many a rainy night under an umbrella changing brakes or looking under the hood, often telling whoever was holding the flashlight to "point it so I can see, not so you can see." He had a silent and steady work ethic and hardly ever took a sick day. Simply by growing up with his example you learned how to be a devoted spouse,

a reliable coworker, a great friend, a helpful family member, and an outstanding parent. Michael will be sadly missed by all who knew him, but his spirit and les-sons and possibly the phrase "don't use your head as a hat rack" will live on.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the visiting hours on Sun-day, Dec. 29th, 2024 from 2-5 p.m. in the McDonald Keohane Funeral Home North Weymouth at 40 Sea Street (off Route 3A - Bick-nell Square). A Celebra-tion of Life Service will be held in the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 30th, 2024, prior to the Fu-neral Mass in St. Jerome's Church, Weymouth at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Michael's memory to:

No Warriors Left Behind - The Untold Story of HC-7, Naval Helicopter Associa-tion Historical Society, Inc. (NHAHS), HC-7 Movie Project, PO Box 180578, Coronado, CA 92178-0578.

The Sisters of Notre Dame, 30 Jeffreys Neck Rd., Ipswich, MA 01938.

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NINETY FRIENDS and relatives of Uncle Sam Rounseville attended his sixth birthday celebration and fundraiser. This year charity was for the Quincy Lions Club on Nov. 17 at the Tirrell Room. The event raised \$9,200. Shown here are Uncle Sam and Jean Kenney with Ed Fitzgerald, left, former head of the Quincy Historical Society and now Director Emeritus and Jim Edwards, president of Holmes and Edwards, Inc.



QUINCY LIONS MEMBERS and Norfolk County District Attorney Mike Morrissey were among the guests at Uncle Sam's recent 85th birthday celebration.



UNCLE SAM and Jean Kenney with the Bretts, Bill, Harry and Margaret Brett Hastings, all usually more comfortable on the business end of the camera.



UNCLE SAM and Jean Kenney with political strategist and educational psychologist Angela Cristiani.
Photos Courtesy Kevin Delue, Fox Photography

Quincy Lions Induct Four New Members

The Quincy Lions Club installed four new members at its November meeting. The club has now inducted twelve new members since September, which puts the club's roster at its highest level in nearly ten years.

"The excitement about Lionism in Quincy continues to increase, and we are on track to have one of the best recruiting years in the club's eighty-three-year history," said Sean Glennon, president of the Quincy Lions Club.

The members inducted at the November meeting are Sara Biancuzzo, a Notary Public, real estate agent and retiree from State Street Bank; Melissa Daley, Chief Marketing Officer of ChitChat Digital; Kirsten Oberoi, founding Executive Artistic Director of the South Shore Children's Chorus; and Sen. Walter Timilty, incoming Clerk of Courts for Norfolk County.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Mayor Thomas P. Koch, who spoke to the capacity-crowd on a range of issues. The club also celebrated Uncle Sam Rounseville's 85th birthday that night with a beautiful cake sponsored by Montilio's Bakery.

In other club news, Quincy Lions participated in the "House to House for Heroes" program, which was recently held in Braintree to deliver vital information to veterans.

The Quincy Lions Club is a local community service organization, whose motto is "We serve." Through its charitable arm - Quincy Lions Charities - the club raises tens of thousands of dollars each year, which are allocated towards student scholarships, assisting local nonprofits, and contributing to groundbreaking research in addressing blindness and other visual impairments. The club also participates in a variety of community service projects each year. For more information about the club, including membership, please visit QuincyLionsClub.com or send an e-mail to QuincyLionsClub@gmail.com.

Quincy High School Class Of 1975 Planning 50th Reunion

Quincy High School Class of 1975 will hold its 50th reunion Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, at the Tirrell Room, 254 Quarry St., Quincy.

More information to be announced.

Classmates are invited to join the QHS Class of 1975 Class Reunion Facebook page or go to qhsclassof1975@gmail.com to share your email and receive future updates.



QUINCY HIGH GIRLS Basketball team shows its holiday spirit wearing festive hats to wish all happy holidays and best wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year. Names listed on the team roster are: Mary-Kate O'Connor, Frankie Diaz, Taylor Mann, Rory Kennedy, Ella Roche, Evie Catrambone, Niamh Gendron, Alyssa Hopps, Jayden Treannie, Caroline Mann; head coach Sarah Conlon and assistant coaches Alyssa Lydon, Julie Bloomer and Leann McColgan.
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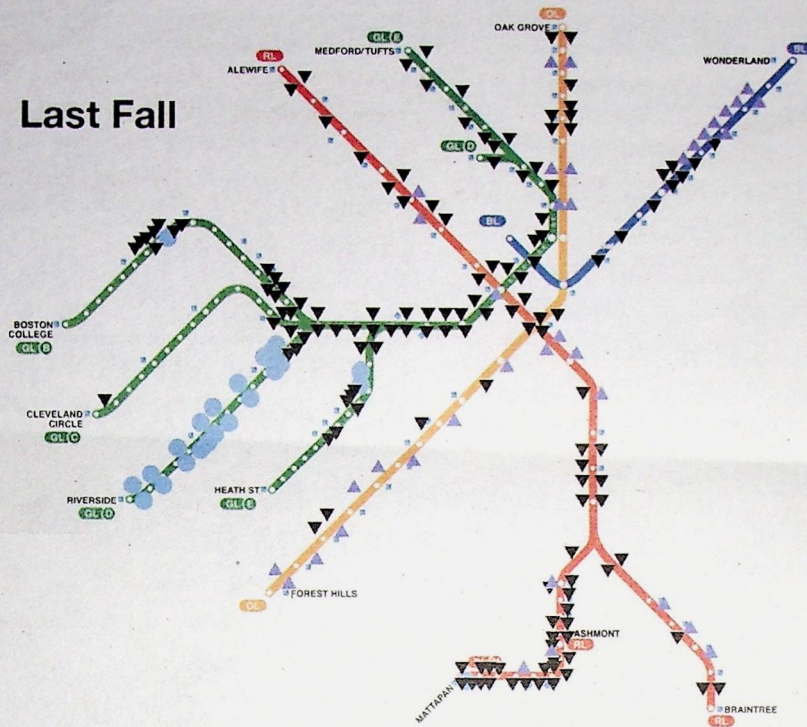
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